



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

I'm interested in completing an academic internship with Grinnell Regional Medical Center. How do I get started?

If you are a Grinnell College student, your first step is to contact your career development office. They will be able to assist you in completing the proper paperwork to get the process underway.

If you are a student at another college or university, you should contact Alex Thompson, GRMC Clinical Educator at athompson@grmc.us or 641-236-2595. Alex will provide you with the tools you need to secure an internship placement.

What areas are available for internship placement?

In the past, we have placed interns in Hospital Administration, Emergency Preparedness, Hospice, Chaplaincy, Pharmacy, Public/Community Health, Public Relations, Social Work, Staff Development/Community Education, and Wellness/Fitness Center. If you have an area of interest that is not listed, please contact us to request a new field. Every effort will be made to place students in their desired area, but availability may vary from semester to semester.

Important note: Interns **are not** placed in direct patient care areas unless they are in a program leading to a career in healthcare. Students in healthcare programs (medical, nursing, radiology, lab, physician assistant, etc.) wishing to complete a clinical rotation at Grinnell Regional Medical Center should first attempt to coordinate this through your academic institution. If your academic program does not assist you in clinical placements, please feel free to contact us for a potential placement.

How many hours do students usually complete in an internship period?

The number of hours varies dependent upon your program requirements, but the internship period should generally be less than 90 days.

Are internships available in the summer?

Yes, placements are available in the summer.

Do you offer paid internships?

Internships are usually unpaid, however there are rare exceptions.

What are the requirements for beginning an internship at GRMC?

Grinnell Regional Medical Center must have an active contract with your institution in order to accept you as an intern. If you aren't sure if your school has a contract, we will be able to provide you with this information. If your school does not have a contract, one can be developed on an as-needed basis. Please be aware that it can take 6-8 weeks to create a new contract. Please plan accordingly.

Interns must be over 18 years of age and affiliated with an academic institution. Interns must submit an immunization history and proof of a TB Skin test. Additionally, prospective interns must agree to submit to a criminal background check and a drug screen. Grinnell College students must also submit proof of current health insurance.

In some cases, an interview may be necessary in addition to the other requirements.

Please feel free to contact us with questions not already addressed. We look forward to working with you at Grinnell Regional Medical Center!