

Specialized Academic Opportunities

Cooperative Education/Internship

The Cooperative Education/Internship Program offers qualified undergraduate students an opportunity to gain valuable practical work experience, explore career options, develop contacts in the industry, and earn college credit. Requirements and benefits vary by degree program and by employer. Students should discuss their co-op/internship plans with their academic advisor, Career Services program manager, and, when applicable, the co-op/internship faculty advisor in their degree program. Upon approval, one upper-level open or technical elective credit hour is awarded for every 100 clock hours of work completed, up to a maximum of six credit hours in one semester. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and current openings, is available from Career Services and on the Career Services website, PC Career Services Team and in Handshake. Students who register for an official University co-op/internship to earn academic credit will be charged tuition for one credit hour plus applicable fees.

Those students planning to participate in the Cooperative Education/Internship Program during the summer have the opportunity to apply for some financial help through the Co-op Assistance Award Program. Information will be emailed to students during the spring semester regarding deadlines, eligibility and application requirements.

Guidelines for co-op/internship:

- Complete a mandatory advising session with a Career Services Program Manager and sign a Student Agreement.
- Complete 30 college or university credit hours prior to registering for the experience through Career Services. Transfer students must have completed a total of 30 college or university credits, including 12 credit hours at ERAU.
- Earn and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 for all ERAU course work, be degree-seeking, and be in good academic standing to register for academic credit.
- Enrollment in ERAU courses within the past year.
- 12 co-op/intern credit hours may be applied toward the degree program. Department Chair or designee approval is needed to apply co-op/internship hours toward specified or technical elective degree requirements.
- On-campus experiences, virtual positions, independent research activity, and special projects are not considered for co-op/intern credits.
- International students must verify their eligibility to work in the U.S. with International Student Services BEFORE accepting a co-op or internship and may not register for a co-op or internship after having completed their educational requirements, according to the regulations of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. A co-op or internship must be required in the curriculum or fulfill a required elective.