

CSR 48000: Field Experience in Financial Counseling & Planning

Pre-requisites: Students currently admitted to Financial Counseling & Planning program only; completion of CSR 34200. Pending CODO students are not admitted to this course and may not complete an internship for academic credit until they're officially in the program and registered for CSR 480.

Financial Planning students are required to complete a work experience in their field of study in order to meet graduation requirements. The following are the requirements:

1. Attend a required meeting to obtain a syllabus for the semester in which you're working. **If you are planning on working over the summer, mandatory orientation sessions will be held in the Spring months to distribute the syllabus and forms you need.** If you're working in the Fall or Spring semester, meetings are held during the first week of school (posted on the Schedule of Classes). You must attend the mandatory meeting in order to register.
2. Obtain suitable work in finance, banking, insurance, tax preparation, employee benefits, or similar.
3. You must be able to complete a minimum of 280 hrs (2 credits) or 420 hrs (3 credits) in the time frame of the semester in which you're registered. **IMPORTANT: You must be registered for CSR 48000 in the semester in which you complete the hours.** Hours accrued will not count until the position is formally approved by the supervising professor on the SITE APPROVAL FORM.
4. Per your syllabus, there will be assignments and a final paper due during the semester. Your work supervisor will also need to evaluate you as well. There is a letter to your work supervisor in the syllabus informing them of your need to research the company in order to write a final paper.

Examples of Past Experiences:

- Ameriprise Financial
- Bedel Financial Consulting, Inc.
- Charles Schwab
- Banker Investment Group
- Edward Jones
- Eli Lilly
- Galecki Financial Management
- Henriott Financial Services, Lafayette, IN
- Knowles & Assoc. LLC, Carmel, IN
- Merrill Lynch, Evansville, IN
- MF Global on the Chicago Board of Trade
- Morgan Stanley; several locations
- Northwestern Mutual Finance, several locations
- New York Life
- Purdue Federal Credit Union
- Raymond James
- State Farm Insurance, W. Lafayette, IN
- Social Security Administration, Lafayette, IN
- Smith Barney, Inc., Lafayette, IN
- SYM Financial Advisors
- West Point Financial

Internship & Job Hunting Tips

1. **Attend Career Fairs & Professional Development Events.** Find a full list of on and off campus fairs and events at: <https://www.purdue.edu/cco>
2. **Use the Center for Career and MyCCO.** Located in Young Hall, Room 132. They will help with all of your job hunting needs including mock interviewing, resume critiquing and company information sessions!
www.purdue.edu/cco Email a question to askcco@purdue.edu
3. **Register for a MyCCO account** to utilize numerous job search databases for on and off-campus interviewing:
<https://www.cco.purdue.edu/>
4. **Register for a CFP Board account** to receive leads on current job postings. www.cfp.net
CFP BOARD
5. **Participate in Sales Competitions through the Center for Professional Selling.**
<http://www.purdue.edu/proselling/>
6. **Create a [LinkedIn](#) profile** and commit to connecting with industry professionals, alumni, and other professional contacts.
7. **Network** with companies by joining a club related to your major.
8. **Speak with your parents** and family friends about your need to fulfill an internship; they may have contacts. Get your name out there! (friends of friends are good resources!)
9. **Watch for email job announcements** from Bobbe Molter and other CSR academic advisors or staff. These come *directly* from personal industry contacts and alumni!
10. **Check the local newspapers** job classified in cities you're interested in working. www.jconline.com
11. **Google** the company name you're interested in working for and follow the "employment" links.
12. **Walk in to (cold call) the company** you are interested in begin the networking process - -but be sure to dress the part and have clean, crisp resumes on hand.
13. **Use the Purdue Career Wiki** at: [http:// career.lib.purdue.edu/](http://career.lib.purdue.edu/)



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