

CSR 32200: Field Experience in Apparel Design

Pre-requisites: Students currently admitted to the Apparel Design & Technology program only; completion of CSR 22300. 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 322.

Apparel Design & Technology students are required to complete two work experiences in order to meet graduation requirements. One internship must be in a retail position (CSR 300, see guidelines). The second internship must be in apparel design. The following are the requirements for the APPAREL DESIGN internship:

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, a mandatory meeting will be held in April 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. You must attend the mandatory meeting in order to register.
2. Obtain suitable work in Apparel Design (i.e., design, technical design, CAD, manufacturing, alterations, etc).
3. You must be able to complete a minimum of 280 hrs (2 credits) or 420 hours (3 credits) in the time frame of the semester in which you're registered. **IMPORTANT: You must be registered for CSR 322 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 by the end of the semester. Your work supervisor will also need to evaluate you as well. There is a letter to your supervisor in the syllabus informing them of your need to research the company in order to write your final paper.

Examples of Past Experiences:

- Abercrombie & Fitch, *technical designer*, Columbus OH
- Ben di Lisi, London
- Bobby Chi, *concept designer*, Illinois
- Chado Ralph Rucci, New York, NY
- David's Bridal, *executive tailoring*; Fort Wayne, IN
- George Simonton Apparel, NYC
- Jason Lintle, London
- Lilly Marsh, Lafayette, IN
- Landa Designs, Illinois
- Peter Som, New York, NY
- Polo Ralph Lauren, NYC
- Purdue Theatre Department
- Tracy Reese
- Vera Bradley, *concept designer*, Fort Wayne IN
- VPL, New York, NY
- Zac Posen, New York, NY

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.cco.purdue.edu/>
- 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.cco.purdue.edu 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/mycco.aspx>
- 4. Participate in Sales Competitions through the Center for Professional Selling.** <http://www.purdue.edu/proselling/>
- 5. Create a LinkedIn profile** and commit to connecting with industry professionals, alumni, and other professional contacts.
- 6. Network** with companies by joining a club related to your major.
- 7. 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!)
- 8. Watch for email job announcements** from Bobbe Molter and other CSR academic advisors or staff. These come *directly* from personal industry contacts and alumni!
- 9. Check the local newspapers** job classified in cities you're interested in working. www.jconline.com
- 10. Google** the company name you're interested in working for and follow the "employment" links.
- 11. 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. Keep an eye out for "help wanted" signs at your favorite retailers.
- 12. Use the Purdue Career Wiki** at: [http:// career.lib.purdue.edu/](http://career.lib.purdue.edu/)



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