

A GVCO Cooperative Education internship would be structured much differently than our typical after school internship. We would work with the student to identify a daily schedule that worked for them and the organization, adding greater responsibility, due to more time the student would dedicate to the internship.

We have tailored our internship program around the many programs we offer the community. The goal of the internship is for the students to get a better understanding of: why we offer the programs; execution and administration of the programs; along with the business/financial component of our 501(c)3 organization. We offer a stipend, however a better understanding of what we do leads to the much greater impact, the "giving back" component.

Responsibilities will be focusing on three areas: our community service programming; our GVCO internship program; and of course, our youth sports programming. Our goal is for the internship to add value to the GVCO organization, while exposing the intern to the business side of our non-profit corporation. We will attempt to get the intern involved in several of the systems/technologies GVCO uses to "run the business". We feel this could be very valuable going forward for the intern's academic career and beyond. The internship will provide the opportunity to utilize MS SharePoint, Sports Connect (sports management software), Constant Contact, OneCause Software Solutions, Exposure App, Google forms and Sign-up Genius. The hope is to get the intern proficient with a number of these tools, adding to the organization's overall productivity. Many of these tools will require a collaborative effort, good communication and teamwork with a great number of people involved in or with the organization. Something we are confident that our intern can excel at, able to learn from and take with them for future use.

Our GVCO Cooperative Education internship is guided by these two Programs of Studies outlined in the GVHS course curriculum:

Work Experience Program

Prerequisites: A completed application, counselor, principal, and parent approval.

The Work Experience Program is an option for twelfth grade students who have met most of their graduation requirements and will be eligible for a diploma if they attend school part of the day. Applications are available in the Counseling office. Students accepted for the Work Experience Program are subject to the rules and regulations established by state and local agencies as well as Great Valley High School. Any student accepted in the Work Experience Program must show proof of employment at the beginning of the school year and every two weeks thereafter. The Work Experience Program is for senior students who have enough credits to graduate and wish to work during part of the school day for no credit. Students must provide

their own transportation. The Work Experience Program shall be conducted in accordance with School Board Policy 118 and the accompanying AG.

Community Exploration Experience

The Community Exploration program provides seniors with the opportunity to earn credit by working in area businesses and learning skills not taught in the regular school curriculum. Students can earn .25 credits for 30-59 hours of work per semester or .50 credits for 60+ hours of work per semester. Internship requirements include completed resume and application, student log, term paper or presentation, a written student reflection and evaluation of experiences, and an internship supervisor's evaluation. Students must provide their own transportation. The Community Exploration Experience shall be conducted in accordance with School Board Policy 118 and the accompanying AG.