

45. Overview of Internship Seminar Assignments

Weekly Internship Logs - to log the hours worked at the internship site, daily learning from the internship, accomplishments and obstacles

Mission and History Assignment - to familiarize the student with the internship site and to gain a grasp of the context in which the organization operates

New Intern Assignment - to explore how students are reacting to a new environment, examine their expectations in contrast to the reality of the work, and what they are learning about themselves in relation to the internship

Organizational Relationships - to learn about the nature of relationships between organizations, how networks are formed, analysis of power dynamics between organizations; in class, students do an interactive activity that visually demonstrates the networks that exist between the organizations in which students are interning and the dynamics of those relationships

Internship Sites in Coalition - to explore the dynamics of coalition building in an interactive small group activity; students role-play that they are the executive director of their internship site and are responding to an urgent issue in which they join a coalition with other internship site organizations

Organizational Analysis - to analyze the internship site for consistency between the mission statement, goals, objectives and methods and the organization's effectiveness in meeting its

mission and/or the obstacles that keep the organization from fulfilling its mission

Looking Forward - to pull together what the student has learned from the internship and to begin thinking about directions for career or civic involvement through an informational interview