

CAREER ACCELERATOR SERIES

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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*School of Continuing and Professional Studies
Paul McGhee Division - 726 Broadway, 6th Floor New York, NY 10003-9502*

Academic Internship Course

1 credit

Course Length: 4 weeks

Summer 2011

Faculty Name: TBA. Students will be placed in groups of 20 – 25 and will work with an individual instructor.

NYU Faculty: The Paul McGhee faculty at NYU link education with real-world experience. Students will learn theory and practice from the industry leaders and innovators, who weave professional experiences and firsthand knowledge into academically rigorous curricula.

Each student will receive approximately one week before their arrival in their respective program a user name and a password. This email will instruct them to sign on and to complete the student tutorial for engaging in the online course. It is very important that students complete the tutorial prior to their arrival or they will not be prepared to start the course as required. Once they have accomplished the tutorial students may gain access to some of the online course materials. These course materials will include the course syllabus, the instructor's name and contact information, the instructor's introduction outlining the course's process and overall goals.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Internship courses for academic credit at colleges and professional schools enable students to apply classroom learning in the workplace. Using best practices in experiential learning, students reflect upon the professional environments they may soon be entering and develop an understanding of the competencies they will need throughout their working lives.

Students participate in approximately fifteen hours of coursework, to be conducted on-site and/or online, during which they learn to identify the skill sets associated with their internship that will allow them to perform to the expectations of their site supervisors. They will explore learning strategies, general codes of conduct, and networking approaches which create a context for individual growth and development throughout a career. A career panel delivered by distinguished professionals sponsored by Dream Careers will highlight the opportunities and challenges within various fields and help students think about "job fit." Practical applications of basic business principles such as resume building, networking, and communication standards will be emphasized. Various industries and career paths will be explored in the context of the current job markets with a focus on building understanding of what today's organization's look for in a potential job candidate. Academic assignments are specifically designed to enrich the learning experience throughout the internship.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Student will be able to articulate and apply principles learned in and outside the classroom
- Student will complete assignments that encourage in-depth reflection on the internship experience
- Student will gain self-awareness, self-confidence, and interpersonal skills
- Student will develop work competencies for a specific profession or occupation
- Student will explore career options, and gain general work experience

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NYU-SCPS ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM:

Students will be working with a highly sophisticated online platform with many perks. Online courses are delivered via NYU-SCPS Online, comprising the Epsilen™ learning platform and Horizon™ Wimba's embedded synchronous capabilities.

The NYU-SCPS Online Epsilen Platform provides students with social networking capabilities, portfolio building, and a robust set of tools to support online learning needs.

- **Academic social networking.** NYU SCPS online combines social networking so you can build your professional network while acquiring new skills and gaining new knowledge. Some programs plan face-to-face meet-ups as well.
- **ePortfolios.** Students build and accumulate artifacts of their study with NYU SCPS into a robust online portfolio that demonstrates their knowledge and skills to employers.
- **Faculty interaction.** Our faculty are present online and interacting with you regularly.
- **Formats and Flexibility.** We do not use a one size fits all approach to teaching and learning online. We prefer live interaction over prerecorded lectures. Our forms of assessment are go beyond tests and quizzes and emphasize real-life authentic activities (i.e. writing business plans, redesigning of a social media strategy, refining your own screenplay)
- **Convenience.** You gain access to the NYU expertise and programs without being on campus.
- **State of the art technology.** Courses are taught using sophisticated tools that promote interaction, collaboration, and conversation.
- **Expertise.** We have faculty who are world class industry experts teach our online courses
- **Professional Networks.** Access to a global network of peers, faculty, and industry professionals. Consider: Our faculty are accessible experts and your peers are accomplished adults seeking new knowledge and opportunities
- **High Quality Programs.** We have high quality programs specifically designed for online learning

Epsilen™ Minimum System Requirements:

Operating System and RAM

Students must have access to a MAC or PC computer with at least 256 MB of RAM, and broadband Internet access with one of the following operating systems:

Windows 2000

Windows XP

Windows Vista

Windows 7

Macintosh OSX 10.3 or higher

Software Applications and Web Browser

The following software applications must be installed on your computer:

Microsoft PowerPoint

Microsoft Word

Microsoft Excel (if applicable)

Adobe Acrobat Reader

Internet Explorer 6.0, 7.0 or higher, or Firefox 3.0 or higher for PC users Safari 3+ for Mac users (all browsers must be Java and JavaScript enabled and have pop-up blockers disabled).