

Cultivating Business for Practicums

The Arlington Independent School District (AISD) in partnership with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce are working to secure practicum opportunities for the 2018-2019 school year, with the first placement of students in September 2018.

We invite your support to open up a practicum experience to offer job shadowing, mentoring and provide practical application experiences to participating students. The practicum will benefit AISD high school seniors who wish to have a learning experience in entry level and middle skill careers. Practicum opportunities can be made available either as **paid** or **unpaid**.

Students will work a minimum of **six (6) hours per week** during the school day. Pending the students schedule and employer needs, hours may have the ability to increase. The goal of the program is to encourage students to explore a career of interest, complete the school year practicum, and gain a learning experience of the work environment.

2018 - 2019 Industries

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales, & Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

For more information on industry areas please visit www.aisd.net/career-technical-center/career-pathways

Employer Benefits

- Cultivate a pipeline of future workforce
- Increase productivity
- Enhance perspective
- Community engagement in the education process
- Support AISD and student achievement
- Ability to mentor young and bright students

Student Benefits

- Gain exposure to real-world business scenarios
- Cultivate skills such as adaptability, critical thinking and creativity
- Increase marketability to employers
- Experience specific companies and careers
- Personal growth opportunities
- Increase self-confidence
- Develop professional relationships
- Resume-building experiences & applying academic concepts and principles

Interested?

**Please fill out a practicum interest form at
www.arlingtontx.com/**

Practicum Program

FAQ's

What is an educational practicum?

Supervised on-site work experience that allows students the ability to practice and demonstrate their developing skills and competencies in their career pathway. Practicums are for high school seniors only.

- Shadowing one or more assigned employees
- Observing and correlating practices in the field with studied theories and methods
- Recording data or assisting with tasks as directed by on-site personnel
- Completing practicum course assignments by the practicum teacher



What is the difference between an internship and a practicum and how does that change things for the employer?

The Practicum Program is designed to give students supervised practical hands on experience in their chosen career path. Students in the practicum program have studied and built their skills leading up to the placement opportunity in their senior year. The Practicum Specialist and Teachers have evaluated each student to ensure that the students' skills meet the level of experience of the placement.

What is the schedule for a practicum?

Practicum classes are scheduled as double blocked classes (two class periods in a row) on the AISD A/B block schedule. Some practicums are scheduled on A days and some on B days. Students report to their practicum location for work during their practicum class except for Fridays. On Fridays students meet in their practicum class with their teacher for lecture and coursework.



Is it possible for the student to work more than 6 hours a week?

Pending the students' schedule, there is room for flexibility. If the employer needs require more hours the Practicum Specialist and Practicum Teacher will identify student(s) who are available to work more hours in efforts to accommodate employer.