



Angie, Intern GREAT LAKES NAVAL STATION

"Many things during my internship have been quite a challenge, but a good challenge. In the last seven weeks I have had the opportunity to learn and grow as a person and as a professional. I have never enjoyed any job so much. I love being in the classrooms and providing support to the teachers, doing anything to make their jobs easier and to provide a great place for the kids.

My supervisor asked me to coordinate Kids Fest, the event that we put on to celebrate Month of the Military Child. The event caters to around 200–400 people, and our theme this year is 'Growing Healthy Military Children.' I have really enjoyed this event. I have had the opportunity to network with so many people on base and to really find out what the Child and Youth Programs are all about. I'm excited to see where my internship will take me!"

~Angie

Apply Now!

You'll need to submit:

- A completed application form
- Two professional recommendation forms with at least one recommendation from someone for whom you have worked or volunteered in a child or youth development capacity
- Official college transcripts
- A 500–600 word essay outlining why you are applying, what knowledge and skills you will bring to the internship, what you hope to gain from the experience, and how the internship will support your educational and professional goals.

You can find application and recommendation forms, as well as deadlines for our upcoming sessions at www.ydae.purdue.edu/military.

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You can travel, put your education to work and make a difference in the lives of military families and their children through the Military Extension Internship Program. Designed for college students and recent college graduates, this program provides a unique opportunity to gain practical

work experience in child development plus school-age and youth programs.

As an intern, you will live and work on military installations around the globe for 10 weeks to 6 months. Internship locations in the past include Washington D.C., New Orleans, and Ramstein, Germany. The range of experience is broad, including working directly with children and youth, implementing programs that address their needs, and learning to manage child and youth centers. Check out all of the opportunities at www.ydae.purdue.edu/military.

You'll be learning from the best. The Department of Defense provides high-quality, accredited childcare and school-age/teen programs at all of their facilities.

You will also have the support of the U.S. Cooperative Extension System and its 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H focuses on building better citizens and promotes understanding of social issues and how they can be addressed to strengthen communities. Cooperative Extension features strong networks and connections in the communities where you'll work as well as faculty and staff with specific expertise in childcare and youth development.

Are you eligible?

The most qualified applicants will:

- Have completed at least two years of college by the start of their internship
- Have a GPA of at least 2.75
- Have an educational background in child or youth development, education, family science, or a related field
- Be able to pass a National Agency background (security) check
- Exhibit maturity, good judgment, and enjoy working with children, youth, and their families

We welcome applications from undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates.

Compensation and credit

At a minimum, you will receive an hourly wage or a living stipend. Please visit our website for specific details.

You will also be treated to an orientation conference before you start your internship. It's a great chance to meet other interns and begin to learn about military children, youth, and families.

Although any tuition or fees required by your institution will be your personal responsibility, we are happy to work with your university to ensure your experience qualifies for academic credit. Please be sure to provide us with the specific internship credit requirements for your program.

An important first step

Participating in the Military Extension Internship Program could be much more than an educational experience. It could be your first step into one of the many careers in the military available to civilians who want to work with children, youth, and families.

Consider some of the options:

- Child and Youth Training Specialist
- School Liaison Officer
- Child and Youth Facilities Center Director

