

DHCS Internship Program Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I look at an internship?

Internships allow students the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a professional setting while still in school. Students will gain valuable work experience and the opportunity to explore career avenues. In addition, it provides DHCS to introduce public service as a viable career option.

How do I earn academic credit for my internship?

Academic credit can vary based on the individual institution requirements/criteria. Please contact your academic advisor at your school for information on earning academic credit during your internship at DHCS.

Is my internship paid?

At this time, there are no paid positions available. DHCS provides internships to students and in return the interns are volunteers or can use the experience as academic credit – please contact your academic advisor for information related to academic credit.

What happens at the end of my internship?

You may receive a letter of recommendation (if applicable) from your internship supervisor. You will also have an opportunity to evaluate DHCS and your experience participating in the internship program.

How do I benefit as an unpaid intern?

DHCS internship program will provide students with education experience that will bridge the gap between their classroom learning and public service.

Will I be considered for employment?

Although the internship does not guarantee you employment with DHCS it does provide you with an opportunity to learn how you can be a contributing public servant. It is an opportunity for you to make work contacts at the state and gain career experience that will prove invaluable as you move into the workforce.

- The following is a link to the list of classifications used by DHCS to accomplish the Department's mission. Here you can browse through classifications that you are interested in and also review the qualifications for each classification.
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/admin/jobs/Pages/DHCSClassifications.aspx>
- The first step in getting a position with DHCS is to take a State exam for the classification in which you are interested. Below is a link that will take you to the list of open exams within DHCS.
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/admin/jobs/Pages/OpenExams.aspx>
- As job opportunities become available, they are posted on the State Personnel Board's (SPB) website, where you can browse vacancies by position, department, and location. Below is a link to browse available vacancies on SPB. <http://www.spb.ca.gov/jobs/vpos/index.htm>