



MEDCONNECT IDEAS FOR PROJECT-BASED INTERNSHIPS

When thinking about offering an internship opportunity to high school or higher education students, focusing more on a project or two can be rewarding for both the employer and intern. Below are some projects to consider:

Patient Care: Students can develop a brief activity for patients or residents that provide cognitive, physical and/or mental stimulation. Students can also develop a care plan for a patient based on assessments conducted by the internship supervisor.

Case Study: Students can compile medical, psychosocial and other information about a patient and his/her care and present a summary of the case including assessment, treatment plan, response to treatment and prognosis. A student could also role play a difficult patient interaction or some other aspect of patient care.

Lab Experiment: Student interns could conduct a lab experiment (mock or real) or conduct a test using their own body fluids and report out their findings in the form of a graph or narrative.

Health Education/Communications and Marketing: Students could develop flyers, brochures, social media campaigns or other material to help educate your target population about disease prevention, general health and nutrition, the benefits of physical exercise, etc.

Data Collection and Analysis: Students can gather data throughout their internship and conduct a rudimentary analysis of their findings.

Examples:

Students could work with Quality Improvement Department to assist with QI projects such as reduction of hospital-acquired diseases or increased handwashing by hospital employees. Student can create and implement a solution, gather data to see if the strategy is effective and make recommendations.

Interns could gather and/or compare data related to patient response to treatment or progress toward specific goals such as increase in range of motion or compliance with treatment regimen.

Sim Lab- If a Simulation Lab is available, the student could set up a simulation or role play to teach a particular technique or activity.