



## NBC|GR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2021

One of the most exciting components of the Ministry Leadership degree at Northpoint is the internship program. These internships give students the opportunity to employ their talents and hone their skills in real-life settings. Internships provide a great opportunity for students to participate in the Mission of God.

Here is an overview of how the internship works.

1. Although this will be a summer internship, it will be billed as a fall course. However, it is a real advantage to the student to have a lighter fall schedule by doing the internship in the summer. Internships may be done any time between **May 15 and September 15**. All internships, including missions trips and other similar activities, *must be done within this time frame* in order to qualify for internship credit.
2. The student may choose a Pastoral, Worship, Missions, or Counseling/Psychology internship. However, *those enrolled in the Psychology or Worship Minor program must participate in an internship in the specific Minor in which they are enrolled to graduate with a Minor*. In order to make certain that the student receives access to Populi in a timely manner, the student should **email the Registrar** Jamie at [jamiec@northpointgr.org](mailto:jamiec@northpointgr.org) by the **end of the spring semester**. The email should include the kind and location of the internship and the name of your potential supervisor. This note constitutes registration in this course, so a formal withdrawal will be necessary if the student decides not to move ahead with the internship. Potential interns will receive more details at an informational meeting on Zoom prior to morning chapel at 10:30am on March 15.
3. All Internships must be done in the sequence in which they are listed in the catalog. The sequences are designed to maximize the quality of the student's experience.
4. Students finishing the Worship Minor will do a Senior Internship in that field in the summer following their junior year. Private Lessons replace the Sophomore Internship.
5. Students enrolled in the Psychology Minor will do both a Junior and Senior Internship. The first internship occurs in the summer after the sophomore year in order to allow students to gain classroom instruction in psychology and counseling prior to the internship.
6. Students doing a Missions Internship must spend no less than three to four weeks engaged in the missions project. Less time than that does not provide adequate time to gain significant experience in the day-to-day activities on the mission field.

7. The student has the responsibility to secure the cooperation of an internship supervisor and place to intern. The supervisor must hold a formal position in a reputable ministry/agency and cannot be a fellow student in the undergraduate program at Northpoint. While the student may work under the care of a parent who is in a formal ministry position, the student's parent or relative may not be the actual supervisor who evaluates the student. The student must outline *four to seven specific ministry goals* for the internship, complete a *Supervisor Covenant* form with the supervisor's signature on it, and submit the ministry goals and Covenant form via Populi by **June 15, 2021**. All information provided must be clearly legible, especially contact information. The student may proceed with the internship *after the Academic Dean acknowledges receipt of this information and grants permission to move ahead*. Students who fail to submit this information by the due date will receive a zero on that portion of the internship grade.
8. The Academic Dean's office will email a link to an evaluation to the student's Supervisor at the **halfway point** and at the **end** of the internship period. Therefore students should take care to accurately record the desired dates for this evaluation to be made available (see the Covenant form). Because each intern is on a slightly different schedule, the intern should also **email Dr. Lidbeck at the halfway point and at the end of the internship** [brian@northpointgr.org](mailto:brian@northpointgr.org) and notify him that it is time for the evaluation. The Supervisor should fill out the online form, submit it, and take time to discuss it with the intern in order to encourage growth and celebrate successes.
9. The intern will keep an *hours log* to confirm the completion of the required *10 hours of direct contact* with the Supervisor and *60 hours of indirect contact*. The intern will also complete the *reading* assigned by the Supervisor (sophomores/juniors: 300-325 pages; seniors: 450-475 pages). These assignments must be submitted on Populi by **September 15**.
10. The final component of the course grade consists of a four to six minute *oral presentation* given during the second week of fall classes, **September 20-21**. The intern may sign up for a time slot during the first week of class. The presentation must include an explanation of how the goals established at the outset of the internship were achieved or how things turned out differently than expected. Students are expected to dress appropriately and give a professional presentation.

We are convinced that the internship program is one of the most essential and profitable parts of the Northpoint experience. We are excited about the journey God has for you!