



Master of Public Administration Program Public Service Internship (PADM 6853)

The internship requirement is common among universities and colleges granting degrees in public administration and related fields that require the student to have practical field experience. The public service internship is an integral part of the student's professional education because it provides students with opportunities to apply knowledge and skills acquired in the coursework phase of the program. Pre-service students will be assigned to professional positions in the public or nonprofit sectors, and their job performance is evaluated periodically by their agency supervisor, in consultation with the internship coordinator. At Savannah State University, in-service students are exempted from the 300-hour internship. An in-service student is a student who, at the time of the internship assignment, is holding a job that requires at least a bachelor's degree for entry and who has held that job for at least one year. Students must have completed the core requirements and have a grade point average of 3.0 in the MPA Program before enrolling for credit in the internship.

Recent Internship Placements

Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, Savannah, GA
Savannah Airport Commission, Savannah, GA
Communities in Schools, Charleston, SC
City of Savannah, Georgia
United Way of the Coastal Empire, Savannah, GA
Georgia Legal Services Program, Savannah, GA
Harris-McDew Student Health Center, Savannah, GA
Humpty Dumpty Institute, New York, NY (NPO affiliated with United Nations)

"As a graduate intern, I had a unique opportunity to work within the Higher Education Alliance Program of the Humpty Dumpty Institute in New York City, which offers a distinct opportunity to explore higher education in the US and be part of the organization's commitment to creating global citizens through work with the United Nations." Jonas Subaar, MPA 2015

