

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: 2017

Major: Management: Accounting

Minor: Psychology

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- **Internship (company/your title):**

Excela Health/Administrative Intern-Real Estate

- **What were your duties?**

I have worked with property management, leases, as well as develop a portfolio with a professional collection of information and photos for Excela's owned properties. I also worked on a mini asset inventory. Database management has also been a task of mine. This semester I will be working on projections of financial data for one of Excela's entities as well as finishing up the owned property portfolio.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

It is really difficult to pick just one thing to say that I enjoyed most. I love learning new things and that I learn something new every single day. My daily routine is never the same which keeps my interest more than a typical desk job. The people that I work with and interact with are all so kind and dedicated to their work and it really inspires me.

What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?

The most difficult aspect of the internship would be learning how to make my own judgment on certain things as well as work independently. In school you are given instructions or given the information you need but, in the workforce, you have to go and search for information or figure out everything that you should be doing or how to do it.

- **How did your experience at UPG and the Management/Accounting department prepare you for your internship?**

The management/ accounting department prepared me most by demanding a very diligent work ethic and need for close attention to detail. Knowledge in Excel is really beneficial and our department professors really stress the importance of this. I am able to match expenses to revenues as well as do financial projections.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

This internship has definitely prepared me for a career. It actually opened my eyes to a completely different path than is typically taken and for that I feel very lucky. Since I have experienced this line of work which combines accounting, marketing, property management, and real estate, I have discovered new interests. I would love to continue to do this work as a full-time job.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

I would recommend to other students who do an internship to really try to absorb all of the things you learn. An internship is a great way to find out if you really like the type of work you are doing even if that decision is that you hate it. You are dipping your feet in the real world and this is a tool to decide what you want to do with your future. Lastly, enjoy the entire experience and find positives in every day!