

U of O Biology Internship/Practicum/Research Information

Before we have students explore internships, practicums or research experiences, particularly those dealing with medicine and allied health, they should have completed at least the Honors or General Biology sequence together with some upper division course work (which may include Anatomy and Physiology). That is, it's best if students can speak the language of their sponsors prior to arrival, so that sponsors don't have to teach them the basics.

In general, it takes a term or two to train someone in the area even if they know the language. So to make a significant impact on the internship/research site (to the point that we are giving, rather than just receiving!), we ask that students make a long-term commitment (≥ 2 terms). This assumes that the match, in both directions, is ideal!

Volunteers in Medicine (VIM, 2260 Marcola Road, Springfield, OR 97477) is designed to serve the underserved in Lane County. Most often, volunteers work a minimum of 4 hours per week (patient admissions/dispensary/...) under the direct supervision of Delisha Meashantuby (541-686-3797) at the Clinic on Marcola Road. Though there are many other staff members, Delisha is the primary on-site volunteer coordinator, while Pat Lombardi serves as the U of O on-campus liaison. Below is the most recent schedule posted for clinic hours and patient education/research:

Monday:	9:00 a.m. – Noon, 1:30 – 5:00 p.m., 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	1:30 – 5:00 p.m., 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. – Noon, 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For more details on VIM, general internship requirements, scheduling and contacts, please visit: www.vim-clinic.org

What Steps Do I Follow for an Internship/Practicum/Research Experience?

1. Provide your name and student ID #
2. Provide your supervisor's contact name, phone, and e-mail and the site address where you'll be working.
3. Submit a paragraph of exactly what you'll be doing including the number of hours per week. Note that for every 3 hours of work per week – assuming a 10- week session – or a total of 30 work hr, you'll receive 1 credit of BI 409 Practicum or BI 401 Research or BI 402 Supervised College Teaching or BI ... Be sure to look at the Schedule of Classes <http://classes.uoregon.edu/> to see if a unique CRN has been established for your specific internship/practicum/research experience. [For example, BI 409 Volunteers in Medicine, BI 401 Research in Cardiovascular Physiology...]
4. Keep a weekly log/journal of your activities on the job.
5. Submit to Pat Lombardi by electronic mail (lombardi@uoregon.edu) a 1-2 page abstract summarizing your activities and experiences. You should submit this abstract by the week before final exams (≤ 5 pm, Friday of "Dead" Week during the regular academic year, or by 5 pm of Week 8 during the summer session.) We keep your abstract on file so that students who desire to pursue the same or a similar experience can get an idea of what it's like. Also, we use your feedback and communication with the supervisor in evaluating the internship/practicum/research experience for the future.