# Internship Proposal

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Major: Biology, minor business management

Class standing: Senior

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Internship institution/location: Collins Oral and Facial Surgery

UCA faculty advisor: Dr. Mike Martin Credit Hours requested: 3 credit hours

Internship duration: May 14<sup>th</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup> 25 hours per week. July 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 40 hours per week.

Applying for: Summer

## Objective:

The purpose of my participation in this internship is to gain knowledge about the field of dentistry and oral surgery in a clinical setting. The hands-on experience that I gain will teach me far more than I could ever learn in a class room setting.

As I have been working for Dr. Collins for three years now he has taught me not only skills that will benefit me in my future profession but professionalism itself.

This summer will hopefully be my last in Conway before heading off to dental school next summer. With this internship opportunity my aim is to clearly outline tasks that will give me in increased knowledge of the field of dentistry over other dental school applicants.

### **Description:**

Being that I have been working for Dr. Collins I already have many priorities set for this internship. I will actively participate in patient consultations Monday-Wednesday. This will entail completing full patient consultations for wisdom teeth; routine tooth extraction, and implant patient follow ups. These consultations will not include tasks outside of my scope of capability including implant placement consultations, urgent tooth extraction due to infection etc., or pathological consultations.

Other roles I will take on during this internship will include assisting on surgeries Wednesday afternoons- Fridays. Assisting on sterile surgeries is out of my scope. However, I will be assisting on wisdom tooth extractions, multiple tooth extractions, or biopsy surgeries. All of my assisting knowledge has been gained through practice, and teaching from Dr. Collins. By assisting on surgeries, I can better understand the thought process behind what is being done and why. Dr. Collins typically narrates while operating which I find very insightful.

One role I hope to be more actively involved in than I have in the past is working in the dental lab. I hope to cast patient teeth models, help take impressions, and have a few lessons on waxing up teeth on a patient model. These dental skills are what will give me an edge when it comes to being a dental school student.

### **Educational Benefits:**

I absolutely will never be able to gain this kind of knowledge through a classroom. Working with Dr. Collins I not only gain a better understanding of procedures performed but also of patient care, and running a practice.

Having the proper technique and a full knowledge of the field is one of the most important aspect of the medical field. But being able to have compassion and give patients the feeling that they genuinely are in the best hands possible makes more of a difference to someone than a perfect procedure. Two doctors could perform the same task the same way but the patient will remember how each one made them feel and how they were treated more than anything else.

Sadly, another skill that we are not taught in school is how to run a business. I am a business management minor which I definitely have enjoyed, but no amount of group projects, homework assignments, or papers can ever truly prepare you for what the real world of business has to throw at you. Being a good business partner and being pleasant to work with is important. But as a business owner you also have to protect yourself. Thorough documentation is something Dr. Collins has made clear is essential to a successful practice.

Overall, this internship shows me realistically what my career path will look like in the real world, not just on paper.

#### **Assessment:**

My performance during this summer internship will be assessed through bi-weekly progress reports. These reports will be around 2-3 paragraphs long summarizing what I have done in the given period, as well as what I have learned, and what I would like to change in the next period. Through these reports I will discuss what new skills and techniques I have learned as well as how I have improved my current skillset. I will include details about the different patient consultations I participated in, as well as the surgeries I assisted on and observed. Each period Dr. Collins and I will meet to discuss my summary before it is submitted to my faculty advisor. Depending on what Dr. Collins has time for each week, I would like to make it a goal to make at least two teeth models per period to work on my lab skills. Dr. Collins will evaluate my dental models as if they were for a grade in dental school and give me feedback on how to improve them. At the end of the summer I will be well prepared to give a presentation about my experience as well.

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