

Internships:

NDA's internship program is designed to give students guidance, support, and credit for the time spent at a work site. In order to receive internship credits, the student must first complete a College and Career Readiness course (5 credits). The student is then eligible to complete 75 hours of successful field experience (5 credits).

Note: Students are not paid for internships, or considered an "employee" and Interns also do not take the place of an employee.

An internship is an opportunity for a student to have practical experience in a workplace. Internships expose students to meaningful learning experiences in a career of interest. Students are shown the relevance of what they are learning in high school, are taught what it means to have a job, and helps them in their development of an educational and career plan for the future. This is a wonderful experience for our students to catch a glimpse of what their careers could look like.

During an internship, students will:

- Complete a Career Readiness Course
- Keep up with all other course work as specified in their Master Agreement
- Keep an accurate log of time and date of scheduled work hours
- Keep a reflective weekly log of experiences and lessons learned while performing required duties
- Meet regularly with teachers and Internship Coordinator to report progress and or any difficulties arising at the internship site
- Show honesty, punctuality, courtesy, a cooperative attitude, proper health and grooming habits, dress appropriately, and have a willingness to learn
- Be positive role models and quality representatives of New Day Academy
- Conform to all the rules and regulations of the site
- Maintain confidentiality as required by the circumstances of the experience

Benefits to students:

- Explore a career interest in a real world experience
- Build relationships with adult mentors
- Learn professional skills, attitudes, and expertise that are necessary in today's workplace
- Learn skills such as organization, punctuality and time management
- Understand the importance of education and develop long term goals

If a student is interested in participating in an Internship must contact their teacher or NDA's High School Coordinator.

Prior to an internship, students can request to job shadow a business for a short period of time to determine whether they would like to be hired, complete an internship, or volunteer their time.

NDA's High School Coordinator, along with the student, will coordinate and research job shadow opportunities. NDA also offers students "Virtual Job Shadow" online access. After receiving a user name and password, students may research and virtually visit hundreds of occupations and career industries.

Volunteer (Community Service/Service Learning)

Many of our NDA students contribute to their communities by volunteering at church, schools, community service organizations, and local community events. Learning the meaning of service, in whatever form, makes our students become contributing members of their communities and positively reinforces their values, skills, and strengths.

Students are required to document his/her location, activities performed, and hours. Fifteen hours of service learning earns one high school credit. Students are evaluated each semester by their supervisor.

Completing Career Education Courses and/or Career Technical Education Courses

Students have the opportunity to enroll in many Career Education courses or Career Technical Education courses. Career courses are offered through different curriculum choices and are either textbook based or online. Community College course are also a way to complete career education courses.

These courses allow students to further explore career interests within a variety of industry sectors. Discuss with your NDA teacher your interest in this career exploration course opportunity and refer to our High School Course Catalog for further information on these course offerings.