

**EDPS 496/896**  
**Directed Field Experiences – Internship/Cooperative Education**  
**Career Services and Educational Psychology**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN**

**Course Description**

The course is designed to integrate the activities of an internship with relevant academic assignments. Through the course, you will have the opportunity to explore the career field related to your internship and to learn about work related issues. Students in any UNL major may take the course. The course may only be arranged by meeting with a course instructor from UNL Career Services. It is subsequently managed via Blackboard and may be taken for a grade or pass/no pass. All tuition, fees, and policies associated with any credit bearing class at the University apply.

**Credit Options**

The course is variable from 1 up to 6 credit hours. Every student must complete Unit One. Additional credit hours can be earned by completing any combination of other units offered as described below.

**EDPS 496/896 Learning Units**

Required

1. Internship/Co-operative Education Experience (1 credit hour).  
Read and react to discussion text and write a paper analyzing your internship.

Optional Units

2. Self Assessment and Skill Assessment (1 credit hour).  
Complete on-line career assessments, write a summary of the outcomes, and in a paper explore two careers.
3. Occupational Research (1 credit hour)  
Interview someone about their job, identify opportunities, and prepare a resume and cover letter.
4. Work Ethic (1 credit hour)  
Write a paper based on readings about work ethic, respond to case studies, and write a paper defining the Midwest work ethic.
5. Writing Skills (1 credit hour)  
Complete on-line grammar quizzes, proof read and critique a letter, compose a professional email, and summarize an article.
6. Research Paper (1 credit hour)  
Research an issue relevant to the workplace in relation to your career goals using referenced resources in the field.
7. Service Learning (1 credit hours)  
Volunteer 20 hours for an additional organization of interest, maintain a log of hours, and summarize your experience.
8. Employer Sponsored Education (1 credit hour per 20 contact hours)  
This credit must be pre-approved by an instructor. This education must consist of 20 contact hours beyond normal training.

**Enrolling**

Meet with one of the instructors in UNL Career Services, 230 Nebraska Union, 472-3145, to obtain permission to enroll. As you meet with the instructor, you will develop an Academic Credit Contract indicating the units you intend to complete. As with any course, you may drop and add credits via WAM, but should consider drop/add deadlines and late fees. Notify the instructor regarding any registration changes and/or any significant changes in your internship as such changes may impact the requirements for successful completion of the course.



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