Collaborative Career Learning & Internships
“My participation in the COCAL program made it possible to attain academic standing and secure employment in my chosen field.”

Diane Byrne
COCAL - Individual Studies
Health Information Management
St. Mary’s Healthcare
*Amsterdam, NY*

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**Experiential Learning Opportunities**

**Individual Studies: Collaborative Career Learning (COCAL)**

Jump start your career and land at the top of the resume pile with this innovative Individual Studies certificate program that combines classroom learning and hands-on workplace experience. COCAL doesn’t just launch careers—it puts graduates on the fast track to success.

Work with the COCAL director to create a program tailored to your specific career goals, combining classroom study with on-the-job training and close mentoring by practicing professionals in a workplace environment. You’ll make valuable career contacts and bolster your resume with the hands-on training employers seek in today’s competitive job market.

Whether you’re looking for an immediate job, want to further your studies, or wish to explore a career option, COCAL gives you a powerful edge.

**Internships**

Go beyond the books and add critical workplace experience to your resume. An internship supplements classroom study with practical application and gives you a competitive edge in the job market. You’ll experience real world scenarios and gain self-confidence. A successful internship can reinforce your career choice, provide specialized training and make you stand out from the competition.

Participating businesses use internships to mentor young minds, identify the best new hires and support incoming talent for their industry. These businesses seek enthusiastic, motivated career candidates; an internship is their best opportunity to discover people like you.
COCAL Career Titles
Accounting Clerk
Administrative Assistant
Bill and Account Collector
Billing, Posting, & Calculating Machine Operator
Construction Carpenter
Customer Service Representative
Dental Assistant
Endoscopy Technician
Hospital Unit Clerk (Medical Secretary)
Human Resources Assistant
Maintenance and Repair Worker, Buildings
Medical Assistant
Medical Records & Health Information Technician
Medical Secretary
Patient Care Technician
Phlebotomist
Receptionist and Information Clerk
Surgical Technologist
Teller

As labor markets change, new career titles will become available.

Internship Opportunities
Automotive Technology
Business: Accounting
Business Administration
Business Technology and Applications
Computer Information Systems
Computer Networking
Computer Technology
Construction Technology: Sustainable Building
Criminal Justice
Digital Communications and Transmedia
Early Childhood
Electrical Technology
Health Studies
Human Services
Medical Administrative Assistant
Nursing
Radiologic Technology

“My internship experience greatly influenced me and helped me determine how I will take my next step towards my career.”

Joscelyn Gonzalez
Automotive Technology
Amsterdam Auto Parts
Amsterdam, NY

To learn more about internships and the COCAL program, contact Sharon P. Poling, Director of Collaborative Career Learning and Experiential Learning, at 518.736.3622 ext. 8931, or visit fmcc.edu/academics/cocal
How Can Internships Help Your Business?

Develop new talent, inspire young minds and help shape curriculum as a participating business in FM’s internship programs. It’s an opportunity to demonstrate industry leadership, mentor incoming career candidates and discover golden hires. You’ll train highly motivated interns with focused career goals, provide specialized training and evaluate their progress.

You can nurture new talent for your industry and test potential job candidates in the workplace, identifying the best of the best.

As an Experiential Education Employer you will:
- Create a true partnership between business and education.
- Train motivated students from varied academic disciplines.
- Teach specialized workforce skills.
- Enjoy fresh thinking from enthusiastic minds.
- Build student commitment to your organization.
- Find a cost-effective way to evaluate new job candidates.

A Win-Win Experience

“Our experience with the FMCC internship program was a win-win. Our interns made a great contribution to the day-to-day running of a business, showing initiative beyond my expectations and a willingness to learn whatever was thrown at them. Through this program, employers have a wonderful way to ‘test the waters’ and get back much more than is given.”

Kim Russo, Sr. VP of Administration
Townsend Leather Company, Inc.

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Participating Businesses
- Akber Hassam, MD
- Albany Nanotech
- Amsterdam Auto Parts
- Amsterdam Family Practice
- Breton Industries
- Brown Coach
- Brown’s Ford
- Budget Exteriors
- Capstone Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing
- Community Health Center
- Ellis Healthcare
- Eric Andolina, DDS
- Fuccillo Chevrolet of Nelliston
- Fulton and Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Head Start
- Johnstown Senior Center
- Keymark Corporation
- Lexington Family Support
- Liberty Day Hab
- Matthew Kearney, DDS
- Mohawk Valley Orthopedics
- Montgomery Transitional Services
- Nathan Littauer Hospital
- New Dimensions in Healthcare
- Northeast Health
- Office for the Aging
- St. Mary’s Healthcare
- Tower Pharmacy
- Townsend Leather
- Union Hall
- Vern’s Automotive Sales and Service
- William Hassan, DDS

To learn more about this program and how to become a participating business, visit FMCC.edu, click on Workforce Training and complete the Experiential Learning Interest Form, or contact the Center for Employer Services by calling 518.843.5031.