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Teacher Industry Externships
- Teachers in the workforce -

EDUCATOR PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

The Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium (APICC) is partnering with other businesses in the mining, construction and oil and gas industry to apply for a grant with the Alaska Department of Labor, to offer business-related externships for educators working with students in grades 7 through 12.

Summer teacher industry externship opportunities offered by business provide valuable professional learning opportunities to help educators gain a greater understanding of the business world while upgrading their own knowledge and skills about how academic concepts are used in the workplace and about career opportunities available to Alaska's youth.

Educators will have the opportunity to work with an industry host for 2 weeks (80 hours) to complete a project that serves an important business purpose. Projects may take many shapes, including: statistical research; marketing analysis; curriculum writing; environmental and community issues research; web site design; and teaching employee workshops. You and your extern host are able to design a project meaningful for you.

Highlights:

- ❖ You get paid a stipend of \$200 a day for a 10-day externship!
- ❖ You will earn 3 **free** UAA professional development credits.
- ❖ You have the opportunity to upgrade your own knowledge and skills and understanding of the business environment and how your teaching skills can impact students' ability to make career decisions.
- ❖ You will discover ways of increasing relevancy and real-world application in the classroom resulting in a better-prepared workforce.

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How To Participate:

- **By April 11, 2008**, fill out and submit the Educator application at www.apicc.org
- Obtain a signature from your Supervisor or School Principal on the attached "Recommendation" form.
- Questions? Contact APICC staff at (907) 770-5250 or <mailto:cmoring@apicc.org>.

Length of Externship and Work Schedule:

The externship is 2 weeks (80 hours) in length and involves completing a specific project, the Externship Action Plan, for the business. The Externship Action Plan is the agreed upon action plan including the objectives of the externship, the schedule for completing the plan and a written summary of how knowledge and skills gained will be used in the classroom.

The **externship schedule is negotiated between the business host and the extern**. An externship "week" will include a total of 40 hours and generally includes two weeks of work at the business. Externs placed in 'camp' worksites will receive a travel stipend to the site. The industry host provides meals and lodging.

Orientation Training:

All externs must plan to attend an orientation session in **Anchorage June 9 and 10, 2008**. Transportation will be covered under the contract with the Industry participants. Other funds may be available to cover hotel costs during the orientation.

At the orientation meeting hosts and externs will meet for the first time and will have an opportunity to discuss their Externship Action Plan as well as discuss a work schedule. Externs will also attend a 6-8 hour basic safety training session. (Externs working on North Slope work sites are required to obtain the NSTC training card which is part of the session.)

Externship Stipend:

Externs will receive a stipend of \$200 a day for each of the 10-day externship (a total of \$2000) as well as 3 professional development credits from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Stipend payment will be made from Northwest Technical Services (NWTS) upon completion of the externship hours and receipt of all documentation required of the externship. During the externship you would be an employee of record for NWTS.

Placement Process:

Applications are reviewed and screened as the APICC office receives them. When APICC is notified of a successful grant award from AKDOL, the APICC office will notify all applicants to announce their status as a program participant. APICC anticipates funding for 15-20 Extern/Host partnerships. APICC anticipates knowledge of a grant award by April 15, 2008.

College and Professional Development Credit:

Externs will earn 3-500 level, professional development credits from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA.) The cost of these credits is paid by APICC directly to UAA. Please let us know if you are interested in this graduate credit.

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