



**A DCCCD Program**

The mNiTERN Program is a partnership between companies and Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) that provides students with real-world business and problem solving skills. Each semester, teams of DCCCD students propose solutions to challenges facing their partner company and present recommendations to the company.

**THE MODEL**

<p><b>Program Setup</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment</li> <li>• Interviews</li> <li>• Participant Selection</li> <li>• Project Question Selection</li> </ul>	<p><b>Orientation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry &amp; Student Introduction</li> <li>• Company Background</li> <li>• Best Practice &amp; Process Overview</li> <li>• Project Launch</li> </ul>	<p><b>Project Core</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Meetings</li> <li>• Project Research</li> <li>• Develop Presentation Skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present Solution to Company</li> <li>• Open Questions &amp; Discussion</li> </ul>
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	Responsibilities	Benefits
<b>Company</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Project</li> <li>• Mentor Students</li> <li>• Weekly Meeting (1 Hour)</li> <li>• Host Kickoff, Presentation Skills &amp; Recommendation Meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Potential Interns &amp; Employees</li> <li>• Find “Out of the Box” Ideas for Company/Industry Challenges</li> <li>• Community Engagement</li> <li>• Employee Development</li> </ul>
<b>Student Participant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct Research</li> <li>• Work as a Team</li> <li>• Act as Communication Liaison</li> <li>• Attend Weekly SME Meetings</li> <li>• Form Recommendations</li> <li>• Deliver Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real World Experience</li> <li>• Professional Networking Opportunities</li> <li>• Application of Academic Studies</li> <li>• Strengthen Resume Experience</li> <li>• Personal Development</li> <li>• Leadership Opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>Educator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act as Liaison Between Company &amp; Students</li> <li>• Motivate &amp; Mentor Students</li> <li>• Help Students Develop Professional Skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Networking</li> <li>• Develop Strong Student Relationships</li> <li>• Guide Students Toward Their Career Goals</li> </ul>

**Participant Feedback**

“I had the opportunity to work, communicate, and make recommendations to professionals in the field and that experience goes beyond what any textbook can teach you” —Student Participant

“School will educate me about many aspects of my career, but the internship experience gave me memorable insight about the upcoming professional world.” —Student Participant

“What a great win-win opportunity. With little time on our part, we got to meet some young talented and bright individuals and provide them with a real-life experience. And we got some great recommendations for every project.”  
- Industry Associate

## Previous Student Disciplines

**Engineering**

- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering
- Biochemical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Civil Engineering

**Science**

- Biology
- Kinesiology
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Environmental Science

**Business**

- Business Administration
- Finance
- Accounting
- Economics
- Marketing

## Skills Developed

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Research & Development
- Interpersonal
- Presentation
- Public Speaking
- Collaboration
- Project Planning

## Benefits



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