

# Internships

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Each student at the Institute will be assigned to a practicum where they will learn how to implement discipleship. We have four sections of practicum: youth ministry, community ministry, kamp ministry, and professional ministry.

At the beginning of the semester we will have a ministry fair, where each of the ministry leaders will come and describe their ministry to the students. Students will get to talk to the ministry leaders and then request a placement in a specific ministry. We will do our best to place each student in the ministry they request.

Students desiring a specific practicum in the community can propose a plan to staff for approval. This could be involvement in the local high school basketball team, a health clinic, the boys and girls club, etc. In this type of practicum, students will learn how to work in the community through their specific program and will also be involved in discipleship through at least one hour of small group or discipleship work through Link Year.

Students will be required to attain a total of 160 hours for the year. Each student must get six hours per week and eight hours of community service per semester. Five hours of each week will be dedicated to their specific practicum and one hour will be dedicated to discipleship with a student from the Link Year program.

Here is a list of our current Practicum Partners:

**Churches:**

- First Baptist Branson (youth & children)
- Woodland Hills (youth & children)

**Parachurch:**

- Tri-lakes KLIFE
- KLIFE Headquarters
- FCA
- Barnabas Prep

**Kanakuk Ministries:**

- Director Internships
- Marketing
- Circuitree
- Accounting
- Link Year
- I'm Third Groups
- Movie Tour
- Risk Management

- Apparel
- Business Development

**Professional/Community:**

- Branson Public Schools (Teacher shadowing and after school programs)
- Branson Public Schools (coaching football, volleyball, track, etc.)
- School of the Ozarks
- Christian Actions Ministries
- Law Firms
- Sycamore Creek Family Ranch
- Faith Community Health Clinic
- Cox Hospital Branson
- Options Pregnancy Clinic
- Elevate Branson
- Counseling

***All Internships are based on need, availability and qualifications. Professional Community Internships will be established by the student with Institute approval. We will provide contacts and support.***

## **Churches**

### **First Baptist Branson: Youth & Children's Ministry:**

First Baptist Branson has opportunities in both youth and children's ministry. The youth group meets on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights with Bible studies and also schedules weekend events several times throughout the year. In addition to discipleship and teaching, there are also opportunities for worship. The children's program has Sunday school on Sunday mornings and Awanas on Wednesday nights. This would be an opportunity to invest in younger kids from Pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Woodland Hills Family Church: Youth and Children's Ministry:**

Woodland Hills Family Church has opportunities for both youth and children's ministry. The youth group meets on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights with events occasionally throughout the month. The children's program has Sunday school and a pre-school reading time once a month.

## **Para-Church Ministries**

### **K-LIFE**

KLIFE works alongside churches and families in the community to teach and encourage kids to be strong in the Lord in spite of all the negative pressures they face as teenagers. KLIFE networks kids from different churches, and those without a church affiliation, to build positive, Godly relationships that can withstand the negative peer pressure so prevalent in today's youth culture.

KLIFE serves two communities in the Tri-Lakes area, which include Branson and Hollister. Both are incredible programs if you are interested in investing into youth through a parachurch ministry. The youth range in age from 12-18. Tri-Lakes K-Life meets on different nights throughout the week depending on which city you specifically are helping. Then there is a small group time as well.

KLIFE also has an internship opportunity in the Headquarters Office. It includes office work, contact work, and some marketing.

### **FCA**

FCA meets in several different schools throughout the Branson and Hollister area. As an FCA intern you will have the opportunity to speak to different teams every week and share the gospel with hundreds of middle school and high school athletes.

### **Barnabas Prep**

Camp Barnabas works with special needs students and young adults in a variety of ways. In addition to their summer camp, Barnabas runs a residential program for young adults looking to gain independent living skills.

## **Kanakuk Ministries**

### **Director Internships**

Some students will have the opportunity to intern with the Directors of one of Kanakuk's summer sports camp ministries. These students will work side-by-side with the directors to plan summer programming, recruit and hire staff, and experience other behind the scenes aspects of camp ministry.

## **Marketing**

The Kanakuk marketing department has internships available that allow students to participate in content creation and social media management.

## **Link Year**

Link Year is a discipleship program for graduating high school students to help prepare them for college. Link Year internships include discipleship, coaching, and administration.

## **I'm Third Discipleship Groups**

I'm Third is a nationwide discipleship program where students of all ages can participate in weekly discipleship through scheduled conference calls with leaders. There may be opportunities with the I'm Third groups for both planning and leading small groups.

## **Movie Tour**

Assist Kanakuk Directors in preparing to go on trail to hire staff. You will help prepare transportation, paperwork, and necessary traveling supplies throughout the fall and winter trail seasons.

## **Risk Management**

Work alongside the Kanakuk Risk Department to analyze kamp safety data, recognize patterns, and propose necessary changes and solutions.

## **Apparel**

Work alongside Kanakuk Merchandise Department to help prepare for the summer store. You will assist with inventory, advertisement, etc.

## **Business Development**

Come alongside the Kanakuk Business office and assist with a variety of different projects.

## **Professional Internships**

### **Branson Public Schools** (Teacher shadowing and after school programs)

Several teachers in the area have partnered with the Institute in the past and have opportunities to work with their students in the classroom and after school.

### **Branson Public Schools** (coaching football, volleyball, track, etc.)

Some students are able to find coaching positions in the area. The Institute will work with you and the school to create an internship that includes your coaching position.

### **School of the Ozarks**

This internship can function similarly to student teaching. Past students went to the school's campus 2-3 days a week to work with their respective teacher. The involvement would depend on the class schedule as our students can only do internships in the afternoon. Our students have been able to observe, lead activities, participate in after school rehearsals, etc. Past students have interned in the following subjects: Music, History.

### **School of the Ozarks (Marketing)**

This internship focused primarily on assisting the School of the Ozarks with their conference weekend. Interns contact potential sponsors and participating schools, research marketing opportunities, and create surveys, programs, and diagrams for the weekend. Interns also assist with other various duties in the upper school including sermon preparation, cleaning, desk fixing, clock changing, etc.

### **Sycamore Creek Family Ranch**

This is a local ranch that opened in Branson last year hosting weddings, family events, etc. If a student is interested in working in the areas of marketing, event planning, or administration, this is a great option.

### **Nursing (Cox Health, Mercy, etc.)**

Nurses have the opportunity to apply and work at hospitals in the Branson/Springfield area while attending the Kanakuk Institute. This would serve in place of their internship. It is recommended by past students, that you apply and get your training done prior to the beginning of the Institute so that you can maximize your time those first couple of weeks as well as allow PTO to build up for the few KI events that occur on the weekends (Parent's Weekend, etc.). Most of our students who are nurses work on the weekends and prioritize getting their school work done during the week.

### **Occupational Therapy (in Branson Schools)**

This internship provides experience in school system Occupational Therapy. In the past, interns have sat in on therapy sessions (K-3rd), assisted the OT, prepared materials, talked through session plans, organizing goals for the OTs in the school system, as well as lead a few therapy sessions with the OT present. This internship has helped prepare students to start occupational therapy school confidently in the fall

### **Faith Community Health Clinic**

This is an internship where you can get experience in serving the local community at a free healthcare center. If a student has experience in the medical field or is interested in working in the medical field this is a great option. Faith Community Clinic is a non-profit health organization serving the Taney and Stone County population who cannot afford their own personal insurance or they do not have it provided through an employer. Interning at the clinic includes the medicine room where interns fill prescriptions for various patients, help organize as well as file patient paperwork for medications, interact with patients educating them their medications, and organize medications on shelves. They also assist with charitable giving which includes writing thank you notes to donors, running errands for the charitable givings director, helping with organizing their fundraisers, and creating social media as well as creative content for them to use for their fundraising. Interns may also work at the front desk calling & checking-in patients, organizing patient files, and assisting with small administrative tasks. This internship will be decided based upon your experience and/or degree as some prior healthcare knowledge is necessary.

### **Options Pregnancy Clinic**

This is the local pregnancy care clinic in town. Internships here would be administrative based, with the opportunity to help in the office, help get events ready during the year, and help with some education opportunities in the local schools.

### **Elevate Branson (Jesus Was Homeless) - Community Connections Internship:**

Elevate Branson provides "next steps" for the hungry, homeless, and hurting through weekly meal delivery, employment training and access to health care to those at or below the poverty line and that live in extended-stay motels.

Interns work alongside Elevate Branson's front desk employees. They assist clients who come in with various case management needs, such as scheduling rides and appointments, connecting them to resources, filling out applications/paperwork, etc. Intern help run the Rewards program (clients work/clean in exchange for thrift store credit/sack lunch). Interns also help input intake forms into the EB database to track assistance given. Also, Interns answer the phone, return voicemails and create flyers. Elevate Branson Interns are encouraged and allowed to observe all ministry programs, such as Jobs for Life, Gateway church and Thursday night meal delivery.

**Christian Action Ministries**

CAM serves as the local food outreach and pantry. Since that time, CAM's ministry has continued to tackle the issue of food insecurity in Taney County. Between its Branson Pantry, Forsyth Pantry, and mobile outreaches, more than 41,000 people experiencing temporary crisis received the gift of four days' worth of food last year.

**Law Firms**

Connect with a local law firm to continue getting experience in the field of law.

**Counseling**

Connect with a counseling firm to continue getting experience in the field of counseling.