



Mendocino College Agriculture Internship Program

Agriculture Internships are hands-on, practical learning experiences in food production, processing, marketing and/or distribution. Work with experts on the farm or in the garden and earn degree-applicable, transferable college credit!

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or someone who's just beginning to experience the satisfaction of producing your own food, an Agricultural Internship through Mendocino College provides you with a great opportunity to work alongside and learn from the experts. Whether you're interested in growing fruits and vegetables for a CSA, managing livestock, keeping bees, or managing a Farmers' Market booth (or all of these!), you'll find challenging and rewarding internships waiting for you!

Usually unpaid*, internships are a form of Cooperative Work Experience Education (CWEE). CWEE provides students the opportunity to earn transfer-level college credit for learning that occurs on-the-job, whether paid or volunteer work. You can **earn up to 8 units in one semester, for a total of 16 units that apply to your degree** and transfer to California State Universities!

WHY ENROLL IN AN INTERNSHIP?

- Gain access to working farms and gardens and engage in learning experiences that might not otherwise be available to you
- Learn useful skills and gain expertise and confidence that will remain with you the rest of your life
- Earn up to 16 units of Bachelors Degree-level college credit that transfer to state Universities
- As a student/intern, you may be eligible for financial aid through the college, including grants, fee waivers, loans, and stipends
- Enrollment fees are very low, but many interns can even have these low fees waived through a Board of Governors Grant (BOGG waiver).
- Interns are more likely to be hired sooner after college than students who did not enroll in internships
- Those who complete internships earn more during the first 3-4 years after college

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Anything and everything! Depending on the employer, you can learn how to use tools, equipment and machinery; plant, cultivate, prune and harvest fruits and vegetables; manage livestock; and more. *With all employers*, you'll learn how to manage your time and tasks, work as a team member, develop initiative, commune with the earth and elements, and know the satisfaction of producing food with your own hands.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Complete an [Internship Screening Form](#), and submit it along with a resume and a cover letter to the Mendocino College CWEE department (see contact information, below). The cover letter should be brief and include: your experience with horticulture/agriculture, if any; your reasons for wanting an internship in agriculture; and your future plans as they relate to agriculture.

2. Contact the Mendocino College CWEE department and arrange a meeting with an instructor from the CWEE program to discuss your interests and qualifications for the internship. If qualified, you will be referred to one or more employers partnering with the college
3. Complete a pre-internship interview with interested employers
4. If accepted by the employer, [complete the college admission process](#), and then [enroll in AGR 197](#)
5. Attend an internship [orientation meeting](#) with your CWEE instructor
6. Meet with the employer, develop a work schedule, and sign an Internship Agreement
7. Start growing!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Dan Jenkins by email at djenkins@mendocino.edu or call 707-468-3047

You can scan and email, fax, or mail Internship Screening Forms and other documentation to:

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Mendocino College
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[Visit the Cooperative Work Experience Education \(CWEE\) website](#)



*Internship students are eligible for financial aid that will cover the cost of tuition, books, supplies, etc. Even transportation and childcare costs could be covered! If you think you make too much money to qualify for financial aid, you should still look into the possibilities that exist for waivers, grants and loans.

For more information about financial aid, [Check out Financial Aid online.](#) You can contact Mendocino College's Financial Aid Office in Ukiah: (707) 468-3110, Willits Center: (707) 459-6224 or Lake Center: (707) 263-4944