

**Brookdale Community College
College Policy**

5.0019 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM POLICY

I. Title of Policy

Internship Program Policy

II. Objective of Policy

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers: “An internship is a form of experiential learning that integrates knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting. Internships give students the opportunity to gain valuable applied experience and make connections in professional fields they are considering for career paths; and give employers the opportunity to guide and evaluate talent.”

Brookdale Community College partners with for profit and not for profit business entities, charitable organizations, governmental units and agencies and other types of business organizations to enrich the education of Brookdale students by providing relevant pre-graduate practical experience. Qualified internships provide students with learning experiences that are complementary to the academic foundation presented in the classroom while extending beyond the boundaries of the typical scholastic environment.

This Policy and related Regulation 5.0019R outlines the goals, requirements, and procedures for coordinating internship opportunities.

III. Authority

Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, Section 1.2050

IV. Policy Statement

Students may individually seek opportunities in the work arena or work with College resources in applying for an internship in accordance with Regulation 5.0019R Internship Program Regulation.

V. Responsibility for Implementation

President

Approved: Board of Trustees 8/22/2023