

Exploring Internships at Jackson College

My name is Heather Marshall. I'm the work based learning coordinator at Jackson College. The Work-Based Learning Program is a program where we give students experiential learning opportunities out in the field. An ideal student for the work based learning program currently is a student in Occupational Education. Occupational Education includes our business pathways our skilled trades pathways but we're looking to expand further. The best thing about the workplace learning program is it really gives a student experience. They get to really experience the career that they're looking to go into. They can test if that's really what they want to do for the rest of their life. It also gives them great resume builders, gives them networking connections within the field so that way once they graduate they already know people in the field that they're going into. For employers it's a great opportunity to get a feel of the new incoming workforce. We get all of our students really preps in there and you have the most current knowledge and then they can bring that to employers. Employers also get a pipeline of talent; if they like what the intern does there's always the possibility for jobs and we highly encourage that. To learn more about the work based learning program you can contact me directly or you can visit our website at JCCMI.edu/internships.