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Welcome to IDNR's INTERNSHIP/COLLEGE CREDIT Program

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Program

We welcome Illinois Colleges and Universities to participate in the IDNR Internship/College Credit Program. This is a non-paid volunteer program where the college student can earn college credit hours while volunteering in a natural resource setting. It is a chance for the Intern to obtain practical experience while volunteering with natural resource professionals, gain new skills and network with people who share similar interests while volunteering on a variety of projects and tasks.

It is up to the Student to locate an IDNR Internship opportunity by reviewing the IDNR Volunteer Projects Directory at http://www.dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/volunteer_projects_directory.pdf. Any of the Volunteer opportunities listed in the Directory may have an Internship opportunity available. Interns are assigned to a Volunteer Supervisor and volunteer at one Site or with one Division for the duration of the Internship. Placements are made based on their interests, background, and overall match to the Site or Division they choose. Preference will be given to the students who need the credit hours to graduate.

Eligibility

- Illinois Colleges and Universities may participate in the Program by helping the student complete the IDNR Internship/College Credit Application <http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/InternshipCollegeCreditsApplication.pdf> and provide: a description of the internship requirements; number of college credit hours to be received; description of the supervision requirements, and reporting requirements needed.
- Undergraduate students must be currently enrolled in a college or university and Graduate students must be currently enrolled, or accepted in a graduate program. The student must be in a Degree Program or curriculum that is most consistent with the volunteer experience they will gain at IDNR such as: Biological Science, Zoology, Ecology, Environment, Parks and Recreation, Forestry, Fisheries, Plant biology, Plant and soil sciences, or Wildlife.
- Students must be available to volunteer the minimum number of hours a week required by the College/University in order to gain college credit. The number hours required to volunteer will be determined by the College/University in accordance with its requirements and in cooperation with the IDNR Volunteer Supervisor.
- The Applicant must complete the required IDNR Volunteer paperwork in its entirety.

Contact Information

If your College or University is interested in participating in the IDNR Internship/College Credit Program, let us know! Just contact Dianne Blasa, the IDNR Volunteer Program Manager for more information at: dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov.

If you have a student that has located an IDNR Site or Division with a volunteer internship opportunity, the student should request an IDNR Internship Application from the Site or Division to begin the process.