

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Summer 2021

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2021

Major: Information Technology

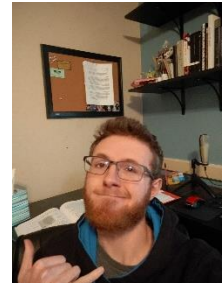
Minor: C&P Writing

Hometown: Youngwood PA

Hobbies: Video Games, Writing, Existential Terror

Campus Activities: Social Distancing (lol), IT Club President, Sigma Tau Delta

Future Plans/Career Goals: Web/Software Developer



- **Internship (company/your title):**
Cloudcast Computing / PHP Developer
- **How did you find your internship?**
Reference from a family friend.
- **What were your duties?**
Assisted the development of a Web App called Lessonbank – an educational assistance tool offered to High Schools intended to facilitate online learning.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
~20+ hrs, working remotely.
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
I loved having the opportunity to hone my coding skills on a project that could improve the lives of students.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
While I appreciated Cloudcast’s hands-off environment, some of the tools we worked with lacked documentation, meaning that I wasted time in the onboarding process. Also, I was unfamiliar with Linux and their architecture strongly encouraged competence with shell.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Information Technology department prepare you for your internship?**
I would not have this job without Dr. Slonka’s INFSCI_1058, Web Programming. That is not an exaggeration. Not only did completing the projects in that class give me the knowledge required to impress during the interview, but without it I would not have had the PHP expertise necessary to be confident in my work.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
I definitely feel more confident in my ability to interpret and modify code that I didn’t write, as well as working with a team of programmers on the same project.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**
Ask questions. Make mistakes. Get to know your coworkers and supervisors. You’re only human, but you still have a lot to offer.

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