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MY EXPERIENCE AS AN INTERN FOR THE TUCSON SUPERIOR COURT ADULT PROBATION UNIT*



**The First Insight Into My Life This Semester:
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Intern **APO**

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Advice Collom:

This intership is great for people who:

- *Are Criminal Justice Majors*
- *Want to work in law enforcement*
- *Want to help people rehabilitate*
- *Want to make a difference in peoples lives*
- *Want to get hands on experience*
- *Want to work with great people*



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Description of the internship:

This internship is designed to allow interns to experience all aspects of the Adult Probation Unit. Interns will be fully engaged with the defendants in all different aspects. Interns are able to attend court hearing, do monthly intakes with the defendants (meetings), sit in on initial intakes, go to the jail, read case files, have access to APETS (Adult Probation Enterprise Tracking System) this system is what Arizona uses to keep record of everyone who is on probation and all of the contact made with with the defendants, the victims, and the family members. When a contact is made, what happened during that contact is recorded. If a contact was supposed to be made and was attempted to be made but was an unsuccessful attempt that is also recoded. Interns have the ability to go in and make

these notes in the case file. Another system that interns have the ability to use is called TASC (Treatment Assessment Screen Center). TASC is the program that Tucson uses to randomly “drop” or “drug test” their probationers. Interns will have the ability to input probationers into the system and select how many times a month and what drugs needs to be tests, under the discretion of the Probation Officer (PO). Another task that interns get to experience is going on ride alongs. During ride alongs interns will be able to experience house visits. Interns get to see the defendants in their homes (with the probation officers supervision) and do a walk through with the PO. Lastly, but certainly not least, intern will also get to go to the victims service unit and see the Victim side of adult probation.



Let's zoom on in for a closer look:

In this article we will be looking at what my favorite duty to participate in as an intern for the Adult Probation Unit



My favorite day of the week to arrive at the Adult Probation Unit was Friday mornings. This is because Friday mornings is when the Probation Officers would do their make-up house visits or other field work. They do most of their house visits on Thursday evening, but unfortunately I had class during this time. But, I was fortunate

enough to be able to join the Probation Officers in the field on Fridays. When we would go out to do field work, we would go to the probationers homes, go to the jail, transfer defendants to rehabilitation organizations/ half way houses from the jail, or go to court hearings. The reason that I loved the field work the most was because I enjoyed seeing people in real life situations. When probationers come into the office I feel as though they always are putting on a show. In the field is where you can see what they are like, what their surroundings are like, if they actually have family support or if its just a lie, and if they are honest with you in general with what they said in the office. The Probation Officers usually let me handle the radio also when we would leave and arrive at different locations, which made me have a sense of safety (though radioing dispatch is mandatory always), it was an amazing learning experience to be able to be the one radioing.



What did I wear in the field:

- Jeans
- T-Shirt
- Tennis Shoes
- Bullet Proof Vest

What did I wear in the Office:

- Business professional slacks/ jeans
- Business professional shirt/ blouse
- Nude Pumps/ Business professional flats

ask the experts >>>

Q: Should I intern for the APO?

A: YES! What are you waiting for?!



Any Questions:

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