WQM Internships

The staff of RRCC Internship Services works closely with the WQM career coach and water industry employers to match students’ skills and classroom training with positions in water and wastewater treatment plants.

WQM internships are limited and are offered on a competitive basis. The WQM internship process is treated with the same level of importance as an actual job interview. To be considered for a WQM internship, students must follow all of the steps below in order:

STEP 1: Meet minimum requirements
Before scheduling an appointment with the WQM career coach, students MUST have the following:
1. Core classes-complete 5 of 9
   • WQM 100 Introduction to Water Quality
   • WQM 105 Specific Calculations
   • WQM 119 Basic Water Analysis
   • WQM 120 Equipment Maintenance
   • WQM 126 Safety and Security Systems
   • WQM 200 Hydraulics
   • WQM 206 Design Interpretations
   • WQM 216 Biological and Bacteriological Analysis
   • WQM 217 Disinfection Techniques
2. Valid Colorado Driver’s License
3. Minimum D/1 license in discipline of desired internship
4. Current résumé reviewed by career coach

STEP 2: Meet with WQM Career Coach
Students must meet with the WQM career coach to verify minimum requirements. The career coach will indicate minimum requirements that must be met, and a registration may be scheduled.

STEP 3: Register with Career Connections
After meeting with the career coach, students must register with Career Connect www.rrcc.edu/careerconnect and indicate they would like to view internships.

STEP 4: Schedule meeting with Internship Coordinator
Once registered, students will be prompted to make an appointment with Melissa English, the Internship Coordinator at Red Rocks Community College.

Competitive Process
Please remember that internships are limited and are offered competitively. Internships provide job readiness training and career advancement experiences that are supported in part by the TAA-Department of Labor grant. Keep in mind, your professionalism both in and out of the classroom will benefit you, and an internship gives you the opportunity to learn more about the industry. You should learn as much or more during an internship as you would in a full semester class. If you need help with your cover letter, résumé, or interviewing skills, please make an appointment with the WQM career coach: yarrow.spitzfaden@rrcc.edu, 303-914-6121.

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The College has designated Dr. Bill Dial, Executive Director of Human Resources as its Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Administrator/Equal Opportunity Administrator with the responsibility to coordinate its civil rights compliance activities and grievance procedures. For information, contact: Dr. Bill Dial, Executive Director of Human Resources, Title IX Administrator, Title VII/Equal Opportunity Administrator, ADA/Section 504 Administrator, PO Box 17, 13300 West Sixth Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228-1255. Telephone: 303.914.6286. Email: bill.dial@rrcc.edu