Does your student work while going to UND?

If your student is considering a job while attending UND or already has a position in their major, they may have an opportunity to receive credit for their job experiences. University of North Dakota Cooperative Education would like families to know about this program.

Cooperative Education at UND is an educational program that enables students to integrate classroom learning with practical professional experience in the field(s) of study. It is based on the philosophy that learned extends beyond the classroom. The combination of classroom learning and practical experience is a superior method of education. Students are paid while they earn credit for this experience.

What are the requirements for the Cooperative Education Program?

✓ Must be a full-time undergraduate student planning to graduate from UND.
✓ Must have the recommendation of their major department.
✓ Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or special permission from the major department.
✓ Must be available to work at least 15-20 hours per week.
✓ Attend a Co-op Orientation Meeting.

This is an opportunity for students participating in the program to develop good professional work habits, test their career objectives, and gain valuable work experience and professional contacts that will help in seeking employment after graduation. It is also an opportunity to observe a potential employer and workplace before accepting full-time employment.

There are a number of employers participating in Cooperative Education and the list continues to grow. Employers work with the University of North Dakota in structuring a program that fits them and the student. Your student may participate in an alternating Co-op Program, where they rotate between full-time school and periods of full-time work; a parallel program, where students attend classes on a full or part-time basis while working part-time in a company or agency; or they may participate in summer programs on a one-time or repeatable work experience.

To find out more about Cooperative Education opportunities, have your student contact Terryl Erickson, coordinator at (701) 777-4105 or their individual academic departments if they are interested. If you need more information, please visit the web site at www.career.und.edu.
Who can I turn to?

During the Getting Started program when your student was a new, wide-eyed freshmen, we may have had the opportunity to meet. We know that you were given a lot of information as was your student that day and at subsequent orientation programs. We talked about where to turn for help for various questions or issues that your student might be faced with during the university experience. The university provides a wide range of programs and services that might be utilized to enhance your student’s opportunity for success. One such service is the Crisis Coordination Team.

Before I describe this service, let me say that most events that occur in our students’ lives are dealt with by the students themselves or they seek those services that may provide needed assistance. This is an expectation of adulthood and in keeping with student development theory. We want our students to take care of their business and/or develop those problem-solving skills to do so. However, there are emergency situations that our students or their families encounter where some assistance is needed. These may include a death in the family, an accident or severe illness or other personal situations. This is where our Crisis Coordination Team may be of assistance.

The Crisis Coordination Team consists of several campus and community agencies that work to provide a coordinated response to the needs of our students and their families. Should you encounter an emergency situation where you need some assistance, please call the Dean of Students office, (701) 777-2664, during the regular work day or the Crisis Coordination Team number (701) 777-3491, during nights, weekends or holidays. Someone will be available to assist you. Remember, if you need police, fire or ambulance services, dial 911.

Thank you for being a part of the UND community!

Jerry Bulisco
Associate Dean of Students
Director of Judicial Affairs and Crisis Programs

More information on UND events can be found at www.und.nodak.edu