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An internship opportunity is very important as it allows students to learn more in depth about their career of interest. Classes become fundamental during the four years of college as laws, culture, and ethics are introduced. Such teachings lead to a basic understanding of what to expect or have an idea of how to behave oneself as a professional. Being part of any sort of agency ranging from a court system to the police department would provide students with hands on experience. Personally, it would be a privilege to be part of an agency related to the Law. According to the Criminal Justice Manual, every student who is performing an internship has to do an every-week Journal entry. The journals consist of explaining what one sees at their internship. In addition, this email will provide information from the book titled, “ Criminal Justice Internships Theory into Practice” by Gary R. Gordon and R. Bruce McBride. Also, a Journal Entry example from a student will be introduced. The two sources of information are good examples of what is expected in a journal entry.

As mentioned before, having an internship is a big blessing. Besides gaining knowledge and hands on experience it is an opportunity to meet professionals in those particular agencies. Networking is very important and necessary in order to find a job after graduation. However, as I mentioned before every student needs to do a journal entry about their internship experience in which they are pursuing. One example that I would like to mention is concern a female student

that did her intern in LAPD Corporate Council. This girl describes her second journal entry and in my point of view, she did a great job by providing details. She is very observative in everything related to their environment. One thing that I realized was that she had social communication with workers in the LAPD agency. Which is important to mention because it demonstrates her engagement in every aspect. We can see that in her journal entry "Mary is a middle-aged, African American woman. She was dressed professionally in a business suit and spoke in a measured, pleasing voice. She told me that she had worked at LAPD for 12 years. [A1] She taught me two tasks that morning. First, she showed me how to read Field Investigation (FI) cards." This girl showed interest in learning and also desired to bring everything into their internship. However, the question is will I be able to write in this fashion as this girl did? I consider that it will be a little difficult for me but not impossible. I consider myself as more conservative with almost everything that I do, I am not the type of person that talks a lot with people. However, I do believe that I can perform an internship with hard work and dedication. Writing journal entries will be a little hard because I will not be too specific with my social relationships with individuals but otherwise, I will be very descriptive and observative in the coursework.

According to the book, "Criminal Justice Internships Theory Intro Practice" Every journal entry has to be about every observation in the place we are pursuing our internship. The journal entry helps to be more aware of everything around you and also more attended to the work that needs to be done. "A careful description of the physical environment, including such items as the amount of space allocated to the agency, a layout of the rooms, colors employed in decorating, items on the walls, and the placement of the furniture. An assessment of the staff in the agency, including the number of males and females and their positions, age distribution,

racial composition, how different people dress, how status is exhibited, how space is allocated, types of positions in the agency, and who interacts with whom.”Gordon & McBride, 2008, p. [Page 65] The information that the book states and the girl who wrote the journal entries complete almost every requirement. She provides a very good description of the place where she was working. Stepping out of our comfort zone is important in order to bring ideas and information. In order to contribute ideas to the internship requirements. As well show a desire for gaining more knowledge in the intern job. “You should begin to understand the workings of the agencies through hypotheses, ideas that others have shared with you, concepts you have read about or learned in a classroom environment, and even though hunches.”Gordon & McBride, 2008, p. [Page 66]as I mentioned before having an internship is a great opportunity for a student but also a big responsibility. Gaining experience in a Criminal Justice agency is very important and also necessary for one's career.

In conclusion, the book titled “Criminal Justice Internships Theory into Practice by Gary R. Gordon and R. Bruce McBride as well Journal Entry examples. Both sources are important and provide good information to learn from. The main point in creating a journal entry is to develop a methodology for everything that you are recording. Being observative is essential. As I mentioned before in order to complete all requirements every criminal justice major has to write journals. The journals are a very good way to provide one's experience, observations, and knowledge. An internship is a great opportunity for students to get of their comfort zone, network, and gain experience

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