

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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- **Internship (company/your title):**

Westmoreland County Adult Probation & Parole, Intern

- **What were your duties?**

I shadowed officers in different sub-divisions every day. I learned what each division in probation and parole does, and I got to learn how different officers complete their jobs.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

I loved that every day was different. You never saw the same thing twice because each case was unique, each officer handled his or her job differently, and everything was always changing.

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

Sitting through one of the judge's court rooms because he took forever to get through just one case. His court room was the most boring thing ever, but I liked the other judges.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Criminal Justice department prepare you for your internship?**

It taught me the importance of people and how each individual needs to be treated differently. You could have someone with similar cases, but never the same. UPG taught me how to treat people the way they need to be treated, and not just with a plan that everyone must abide by.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

It opened my eyes to possible opportunities in my field, something I may have never thought about doing before.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

Go outside of your comfort zone. At first I got my internship because I just needed one. It had nothing to do with what I wanted to do. But I ended up loving it and I am considering an occupation in this field.