

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: Spring 2019

Semester of Internship: Summer

Major: Biology

Minor: Chemistry

Hobbies: Working, Shopping, Helping others

Campus Activities: DSC Publicity Chair, Peer Leading, Habitat 4 Humanity

Future Plans: To be a pharmacist!

Hometown: York, PA



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

My internship was at Minnich's Pharmacy in York, PA

- **What were your duties?**

During my internship I was a Pharmacy Technician that specialized in using a medicine packaging robot called Anita. This robot was used for the 20 nursing homes that the pharmacy is contracted to deliver medications to. First, I would calibrate Anita, then I would refill her controlled medications, after I would complete medications for patients who got sick, last, I would fill trays for the remaining nursing home patients. As the medicine packages came out of Anita, they are rolled on a wheel and then placed in another robot to be electronically checked, and then verified by a pharmacist. I was responsible for completing all of these functions except for the pharmacy check.

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

I enjoyed learning about institutional pharmacy, I didn't know it existed until working at Minnich's. Nursing homes are a really good market to reach because most nurses that work in nursing homes are only certified in patient care in terms of bathing, feeding, and vitals, but not in-patient health like medications, sickness, and drug interactions.

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

The most difficult part was working with Anita. She was an awesome robot to use. But, we all know computers are not perfect! Sometimes she would glitch and cause the order of medicine package to be off. I would have to fix every mistake and sometimes start all over.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Biology Department prepare you for your internship?**

Biology has made a lot more illnesses make sense in which interning has helped me understand medication. Organic Chemistry has helped me spot some of the drug names and recognize compounds. (Thanks Bio Department!)

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

I had previously got experience in retail pharmacy and gaining experience in institutional pharmacy has broadened my horizons. Getting hands on experience in my field has made me understand the importance of health care. Also working with multiple pharmacist has made me excited to finish my journey!

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

Try to get as much hands-on experience as possible! Make your resume look like you're the best person available for the spot you want to get!