

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS



INTERNSHIP GUIDEBOOK

FALL 2026 -
SUMMER 2027

IDOC HAS A VARIETY OF **INTERNSHIPS** FOR UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- **Review** the list of opportunities on the next page.
- **Contact** DOC.Internships@illinois.gov & provide your preferred location.
- **Complete** & return the required documents.
- **Wait** for the facility to contact you to schedule an interview & tour.
- **Confirm** your acceptance then complete the background check, paperwork, & orientation.

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see a map
of our
locations!

INTERNSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be registered as a full-time student at an accredited college or university, working toward a bachelor's or graduate degree with major coursework in Corrections, Law-Enforcement, Behavioral/Social Sciences, Healthcare, Public Administration, Business Administration, Political Science, or another related field.
2. Pass an agency background investigation and drug screening.
3. Work in a secure correctional environment.
4. Prepare written and oral reports.
5. Follow policy and procedures outlined by the agency and facility.

APPLICATION PERIOD:

Spring
September 15 - November 15

Summer
February 15 - April 15

Fall
April 15 - June 15

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. How will I find out if I've been offered an internship?

A. We will contact you and your academic advisor with further instructions after receiving all required documentation.

Q. Is this a paid internship?

A. No, this is an academic Internship that will allow you to earn credit towards your degree.

Q. How long does placement take?

A. The process can take up to 2 months, including background clearance and documentation review.

Q. Do I need a Driver's License?

A. No, but you must have two forms of ID, including one government ID with a photo.

Q. What are the citizenship requirements?

A. You can be a citizen or a non-citizen with right-to-work authorization documentation.

CURRENT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BY LOCATION

Big Muddy River Correctional Center

- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services
- Mental Health
- Sex Offender Programs
- Sex Offender Treatment

Centralia Correctional Center

- Academics
- Accounting
- Business Office
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services
- Leisure Activities
- Medical Records
- Mental Health
- Nursing
- Records
- Social Work

Danville Correctional Center

- Business Office
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services/Social Work

Decatur Correctional Center

- Business Office
- Chaplaincy
- Family Services
- Human Resources
- Leisure Activities
- Mental Health

Dixon Correctional Center

- Clinical Services

East Moline Correctional Center

- Business Office
- Clinical Services
- Human Resources
- Records

Fox Valley Adult Transition Center

- Business Office/Office Management
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services
- Community Re-Entry
- Counseling/Social Work
- Leisure Activities

- Personnel
- Records

Graham Correctional Center (Hillsboro)

- Clinical Services
- Healthcare

Illinois River Correctional Center (Canton)

- Business Office/Accounting/Management
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Healthcare/Nursing
- Education
- Mental Health
- Personnel
- Records

Jacksonville Correctional Center

- Business Office/Accounting
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Leisure Activities
- Records

Joliet Treatment Center

- Clinical Services
- Mental Health (including psychiatric nurse practitioners)
- Social Work

Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center

- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Mental Health

Lawrence Correctional Center (Sumner)

- Administration/Business Office
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Leisure Activities

Lincoln Correctional Center

- Mental Health

Logan Correctional Center

- Mental Health

CURRENT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BY LOCATION

Menard Correctional Center (Chester)

- Business Office/Accounting
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Education
- Leisure Activities
- Healthcare/Nursing
- Mental Health
- Records

Peoria Adult Transition Center

- Clinical Services/Social Work

Pinckneyville Correctional Center | Murphysboro Life Skills Re-Entry Center

- Chaplaincy
- Clinical
- Education
- Leisure Activities
- Mental Health
- Records
- Social Work

Pontiac Correctional Center

- Chaplaincy
- Education
- Health Care
- Leisure Activities
- Mental Health/Social Work
- Records

Robinson Correctional Center

- Business Office
- Clinical Services
- Education
- Mental Health
- Records

Shawnee Correctional Center (Vienna)

- Administration/Business Office
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Health Care (Administrative & Medical Records)
- Leisure Activities
- Mental Health
- Records

Sheridan Correctional Center

- Clinical Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment

Springfield – Department Headquarters

- Re-Entry

Southwestern Correctional Center (East St Louis)

- Accounting/Business Office/Management
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Counseling
- Education
- Health Care (Nursing)
- Mental Health

Taylorville Correctional Center

- Administration/Business Office
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Dietary
- Mental Health
- Leisure Activities
- Records

Vandalia Correctional Center

- Administration/Business Office
- Chaplaincy
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Dietary
- Health Care
- Leisure Activities
- Mental Health
- Records

Vienna Correctional Center

- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Education

Western Correctional Center (Mt Sterling)

- Business Office
- Clinical Services/Social Work
- Mental Health (2 openings)