

Western Carolina University
MPA Internship Replacement Request Form

REQUEST FOR INTERNSHIP REPLACEMENT

Each student in the Master of Public Affairs Program is required to complete a professional field experience in public affairs. This is typically accomplished through an internship. The internship is intended to give the student practical experience in the administration of a public or nonprofit organization, and should broaden a student's perspective on public management through first-hand application of classroom knowledge.

If you are currently working in public service or have considerable experience in public and/or nonprofit management, you may petition the MPA faculty for an internship replacement. Students replacing the internship do so by enrolling in another three-hour elective course instead of PA 685 (Internship in Public Affairs). This keeps the MPA required hours at 39 for all students.

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Employer Information:

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Dates of Employment: _____

Brief Job Description: _____

Please attach a 1- to 2-page written justification for why you feel your internship requirement should be replaced, taking extra care to address how your current and/or past public affairs experience teaches/taught you about the five NASPAA competencies.