The Airport Operations Internship Program at Blue Grass Airport was created in partnership with the Eastern Kentucky University Aviation Program and the EKU Career and Co-Op Office in the fall of 2013 to give EKU Aviation students real-world aviation experience while reinforcing classroom knowledge, enhancing basic career skills, and earning academic credit towards their degree.

Available exclusively to EKU students and one of only a few of its kind in the United States, the program is offered to students twice each academic year by applying through the Career and Co-Op Office.

**Internship Program Overview**

Students who participate in the program can expect to gain experience in each of the following areas:

- Airport communications/emergency dispatch
- FAR Part 139/airfield Inspections
- Airport security and access control
- Airport badging and personnel training
- Airfield, markings, signage, and lighting
- Airport administration, maintenance, finance, and marketing
- Aviation career preparation

**Schedule**

The internship program is offered twice during the course of each academic year. Each internship period coincides with the below academic terms:

- **Spring Internship**: January - August  
  - Spring/Summer Academic Terms
- **Fall Internship**: August - January  
  - Fall/Winter Academic Terms

For exact start and completion dates of each internship, please refer to the EKU Academic Calendar.
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Requirements

• Junior, Senior, or Graduate student, currently enrolled in the Eastern Kentucky University Aviation program. A major or minor in Aviation Management is required.
• Possess a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or greater on a 4.0 scale at the of application submission.
• Valid driver’s license
• General knowledge of purpose and activity of airports
• Ability to fulfill the 20 hrs/wk for the duration of the assigned internship period
• Successfully pass a criminal history background check
• Complete a summary essay at the conclusion of the internship
• Possess the following skills and abilities
  • Communication • Analytical
  • Problem Solving • Computer
  • Customer Service • Time Management
  • Project Management • Multi-tasking

Instructions to Apply

1. Meet the minimum requirements as listed above.
2. Visit http://career-coop.eku.edu/ and click on "Student C3 Career Express" at the top of the page.
3. Once logged in, look for an available position and submit your resume and any additional materials you wish directly to the Center for Career & Co-Op.
4. Once approved, the Center for Career & Co-Op will forward all materials to the airport for review and students who are selected will be contacted for an interview. Please do not send application materials to the airport.

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