

To Students and Fellow Colleagues:

This manual has been prepared to assist students, faculty, administration, and cooperating agencies in understanding the aims, objectives, policies, and requirements for HPER 4100, 4110, and 4120 internships at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. The manual should promote uniform communication and understanding among the participants in this internship (student, agency, and supervisor).

Internship serves as an integral part of each student's total educational preparation for professional practice. It is designed to allow student growth by applying classroom theory to the practicality of use in the field, and to gain knowledge of the duties, responsibilities and nature of a career in an exercise science or wellness setting.

We view the internship as a commitment to the future--a chance for aspiring young professionals to gain valuable experience under the supervision of seasoned professionals.

The success of the internship depends greatly upon the student's realization of responsibilities. During the internship, the student becomes a functional part of the agency. What the student does reflects the policies and standards of both the agency and the University. What the student gains in experience as a professional practitioner depends upon how much the student contributes to this experience.

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