

Cooperative Education - Additional Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is Co-op a paid-credit class?

Yes - you will be required to meet with the instructor for orientation and **attend monthly seminar** and **individual appointment** to validate your internship site and identify learning objectives.

No - you will not meet on a weekly basis, but will interact through Lulima Course Management site. Monthly meetings and individual appointments count towards attendance. Students will receive credit based on internship performance goals, fulfillment of learning objectives, attendance at class and individual appointments, and adherence to assignment deadlines via Lulima.

2. What kinds of volunteer/internships are available?

Students are responsible to solicit volunteer/internship sites with the assistance of the Coop Ed. Faculty. Though, students are required to experience this process similar to seeking a job, communication with faculty can help link students with employer sites. Students must prepare a resume and cover letter. Sites must be authorized by the faculty and are required to be secured by September 13, 2019 (Fall) and January 31, 2020 (Spring). Many different business partners such as hotel resorts; the County of Maui; Hui No Ke Ola Pono; Pacific Disaster Center; Maui Medical Group; Hale Makua, Roselani, Maui Adult Day Care, Software Development Companies, plus other non-profit agencies such as American Red Cross, Friends of the Library, Da Kidney Foundation, have participated.

3. Can I use my own job and get Co-op credit? Yes, with approval from the Co-op instructor and/or your academic program advisor or program coordinator. **Check with them first!**

4. Can international students enroll in Co-op? Yes, some are required to because of their majors. It is a complicated process so we advise ***F-1 visa students to check with Co-op early.***

5. Where can I find more information about the Co-op program? Contact Juliana "Juli" Patao Coop Instructor/CareerLink Director -at (808) 984-3348 or email jpatao@hawaii.edu.

