

## Internship Spotlight



Graduation Year: 2017

Major: Management Information Systems

Minor: None

Hometown: Harrison City, PA

Hobbies: Guitar, Fishing, Golfing, Movies, Hockey

Campus Activities: None

- Internship (company/your title):  
Justifacts Credential Verification/ Verification Specialist Intern
- What were your duties?  
Justifacts is a third party background screening company for companies all over the United States. I am responsible for interviewing personal and professional references, verifying college degrees and high school diplomas, and verifying past or present employment. Also, I use online databases to verify certifications. Once I have received the required information, I input the data into our computer system for our clients to evaluate whether or not the individual is qualified for the position.
- What did you enjoy most about your internship?  
I enjoy interacting with people all over the world. For example, I called a reference in Sweden who was the CEO of a large company.

- What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?

Since it is a high pace company, you are typically doing several things at once. Also, since we have large accounts with companies, it's nearly impossible to get ahead of your work, but it makes the days go by fast.

- How did your experience at UPG and in the information science department prepare you for your internship?

The classes I have taken and college in general helped prepare me for my internship. During the semester, you need to have good time management. If you are given multiple assignments, you need to manage your time to get them done. The same thing applies for work. If you are given tasks to be completed by a certain deadline; you have to manage your time to complete them so that the client is happy. The information science department opened my eyes to different aspects of databases, systems, and nearly anything dealing with computers. The classes I have taken helped me understand how to do my daily tasks a lot quicker than the others that I was in training with.

- How has your internship prepared you for a career? My internship gave me experience working in a professional atmosphere as well as gave me experience in data entry.

What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship? I think internships are vital when applying for a job after college. They apply the materials learned in class into the business world. They give you experience that could potentially lead to a future job.