

# Day In The Life: Johns Hopkins Summer Interns

*Exploring daily experiences of summer internship  
participants at each of the major JHHS entities*

# Introduction

# Overview

This presentation covers several departments that have previously participated in the program to provide examples of where you may be working. They include what interns typically do, required skills, and a photo illustrating their time in the department.



# Locations

The departments differ at each site, so we recommend reviewing the positions for the **site you are applying for** to get an accurate understanding of the positions available. Departments with the same name at different sites often have different tasks. Lastly, the selection of departments are more limited at non-Baltimore locations since we host much fewer interns at these sites.



# Important Notes

While this is a snapshot of our department signups from 2025, we **cannot guarantee they will sign up again this year**. Furthermore, you **cannot apply for specific positions** and will be assigned, if selected, based off your application and interview data.

Most of our positions, even those in a healthcare setting, are administrative in nature. It is very unlikely that you will be observing surgeries or conducting direct patient care due to age and certification restrictions.

Due to limited positions available, you may be placed in a non-medical position even if you indicated a specific medical interest. We do our best to match your interests and qualifications with our departments, but we cannot guarantee a perfect match.

# Baltimore Intern Experiences

# Central Patient Transport

## What They Do

- Transporting patients to and from medical procedures.

## Skills

- Patience
- Hardworking
- Commitment to JHH mission and patients

## Employment Opportunities

- Several interns have transitioned into full-time Transport Associates following the program. Interns must be 18+ by the start of the program to be placed in this department.



# Perioperative Surgery – Equipment Support

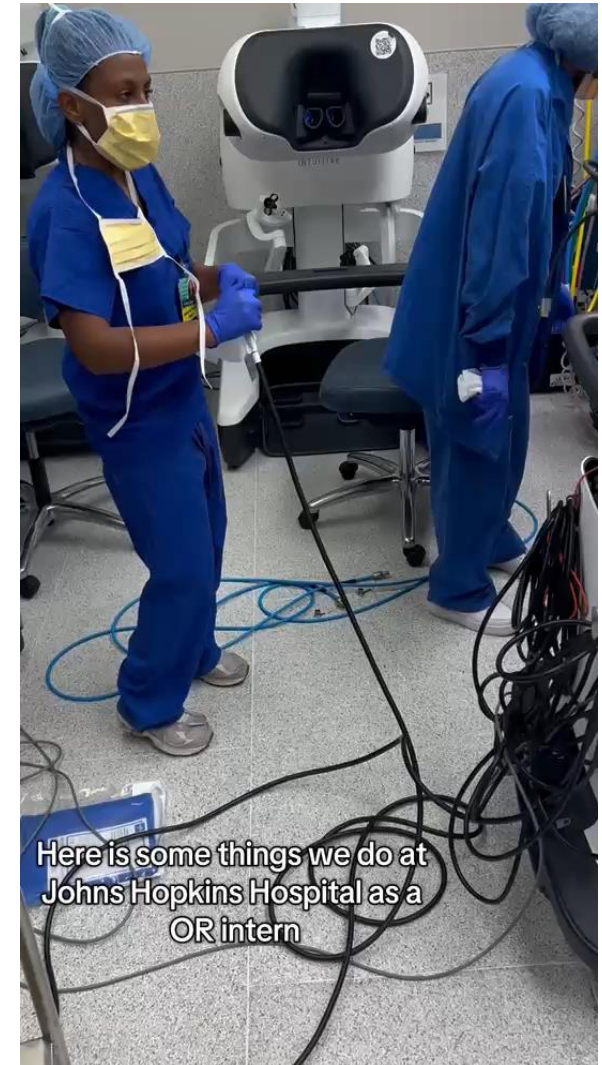
## What They Do

- Setting up and cleaning medical equipment
- Interns can work in various surgical settings at Johns Hopkins Hospital

## Skills

- Able to bend and walk to various operating units
- Can follow instructions

Check out the video to see the various tasks our interns performed and their experience!



# Neuroscience Critical Care

## What They Do

- Welcoming/escorting unit visitors
- Assisting with coordinating admin activities
- Putting together stroke folders
- Running labs
- Door checks and ensuring patient cups are filled
- Cart audit for expired supplies
- Putting together admission bags/gray bins

## Skills

- Communication
- Prompt and on-time for class
- Self-starter
- Willing to run errands/open to assisting staff



# Pathology

## What They Do

Filing, organizing blocks and slides, labeling slides, putting away inventory/supplies, and various administrative duties

## Skills

- Motivation
- Desire to learn new things

## Education Opportunities

Every Tuesday, the Pathology lab hosted meetings with the entire department where interns could learn about new techniques/fields and interact with healthcare professionals from other sectors of the lab.



# Nursing Education

## What They Do

Set up nursing education classes and communicate with team educators.

## Skills

- Communication
- Prompt and on-time for class
- Self-starter
- Willing to run errands/open to assisting staff



# Ophthalmology

## What They Do

Interns will assist with research and work extensively with patients with sensory impairments such as vision and/or hearing loss.

## Skills

- Comfortable communicating with patients
- Punctual
- Strong work ethic
- Strongly motivated in clinical research

## Research Activities

- Participant recruitment and eye screening
- Research testing by having participants perform tasks such as localizing objects in lab or real-life environments



Alyssa wearing eye tracking glasses in an "elevator" localization task



Shanae wearing eye tracking glasses in a "traffic analysis" task



Shanae and Alyssa making speech materials at Peabody studio

# Psychiatry

## What They Do

Assisting with providing comfort items – blankets/snacks. Helping organize/restock supplies. Setting up for patient care and resetting/making up bays. Interacting with patients and families. Assisting with moving stretchers.

## Skills

- Ability to work in a busy environment
- Wants to help people
- Open to learning
- Interest in hands-on care

Our psychiatry interns had the opportunity to attend an anesthesia boot camp at the hospital pictured on the left. They volunteered for the day with Dr. Christina Miller (white sweatshirt).



# HCMC Intern Experiences

# Patient Experience and Relations

## What They Do

Supporting nursing staff in improving patient experience. Assisting with meals, Emergency Department and Inpatient Units, and assisting with transport to Discharge Hospitality Suite.

## Skills

- Compassion
- Willingness to learn
- Able to engage positively with patients and families



# Foundation and Development

## What They Do

Fundraising, Events, Marketing and Communications Plans, Fliers, Phone Call Out-Reach, In-Kind Donations

## Skills

- Willingness to grow and learn
- Friendly
- Hardworking

Our Foundation and Development intern created fliers and documents for both internal and external Hopkins partners. This includes a graphic that was displayed at the Merriweather Post Pavilion.



# Observation

## What They Do

- Answering Call Bells
- Updating Admin Board
- Transporting
- Filing
- Stocking

## Skills

- Positive attitude
- Eager to learn
- Willing to help



# Armstrong Institute Patient Safety and Quality

## What They Do

Data entry, dashboard and performance plan creation for committees. Creating information packets for stroke patients and their families, quality abstractions, isolation rounds, and completing hand hygiene audits.

## Skills

- Familiarity with Microsoft Office
- Comfortable working with data
- Creative
- Willing to be conversational and front-facing with teams and/or patients

Our interns participated as patients in one of the department's Stroke Education sessions to help providers work through clinical scenarios and enhance their stroke education.



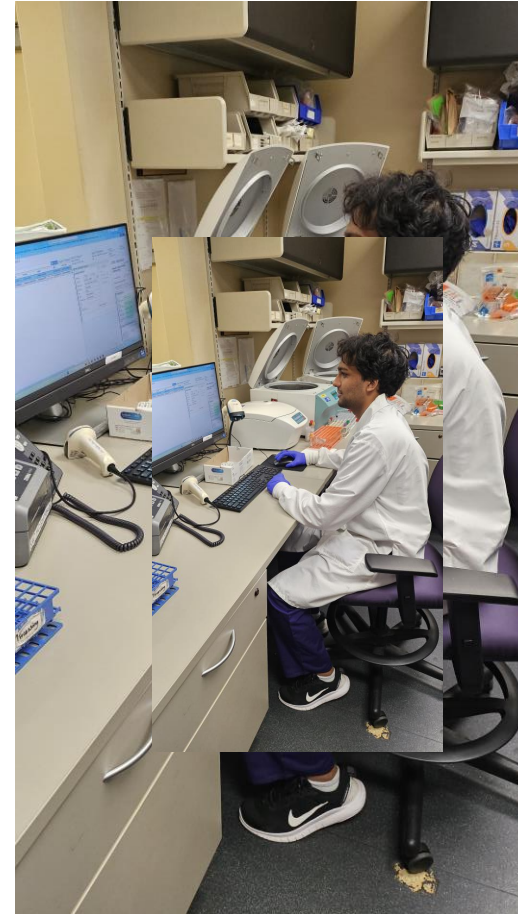
# Pathology

## What They Do

Working as a lab technician processing specimens and managing lab data.

## Skills

- Detail oriented
- Professional
- Punctual



# Clinical Education

## What They Do

Administrative tasks and opportunities to market and create projects related to nursing education

## Skills

- Dependable
- Detail oriented
- Follows up with tasks and projects
- Interest in nursing



# Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab and Echo

## What They Do

On the floor with patients handling weights and exercise equipment, office work, and observing EHCO studies.

## Skills

- Professional communication
- Timely at work
- Eager to learn
- Positive attitude



# Suburban Intern Experiences

# Occupational Health

## What They Do

Preparing charts for various appointment types, entering information into electronic files and folders, scanning documents, shadowing RNs and NP with new hire visits.

## Skills

- Good computer skills
- Ability to learn quickly and take notes when needed
- Professional demeanor



# Human Resources

## What They Do

Data entry, research, inventory, and organization

## Skills

- Attention to detail
- Quick learner
- Great attitude
- Computer skills



# Care Coordination

## What They Do

Some clerical work, some emails, taking supplies to staff members throughout the hospital, and attending grand rounds with physicians, case managers, social workers, and nurse managers.

## Skills

- Kindness
- Ability to follow instructions
- Good attendance
- Ability to use Microsoft Word
- Administrative skills



# Volunteer Services

## What They Do

Learning & using volunteer software, leading volunteer orientations & being tour guide, facilitating pet therapy, escorting & greeting new patients & visitors, shadowing in areas of the hospital.

## Skills

- Proficient with computers
- Welcoming and friendly
- Independent/self-starter



# Critical Care

## What They Do

Assist with research paperwork and documentation for quality of care. Helping with quality measures in the ICU and IMCU.

## Skills

- Enthusiasm
- Determination
- Hardworking

Our Critical Care intern conducted a summer project which resulted in the department implementing patient facing signage to improve patient safety. This was a best practice defined by a JH health survey team after conducting an assessment on unit mobility health.



# Quality

## What They Do

Assistance with preparing reports, completing analyses, etc.

## Skills

- Enthusiasm
- Excel and PowerPoint experience
- Interest in how acute care hospitals work

Our Quality department intern took a complex workflow from a sister hospital on Failures Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA) and converted it into a clear visual tool. This empowered the department to collaboratively refine and optimize the process for Suburban Hospital. She also kicked off a high stakes meeting with 20+ leaders, confidently handling introductions and leading a creative icebreaker to set a positive tone.



# All-Children's Intern Experiences

# Supply Chain

## What They Do

Delivering materials to departments.

## Skills

- Comfortable with walking, pushing, and unloading carts of materials
- Cordial
- Can complete tasks independently



# Center for Medical Simulation and Innovative Education

## What They Do

Maintaining and setting up equipment/manikins for simulations, operating high fidelity mannequins, clerical work like spreadsheets, copies, and putting folders together.

## Skills

- Flexible in their assignments
- Open to learning new things
- Comfortable in a clinical environment
- Willing to work with multiple people on different projects



# Design and Construction

## What They Do

Reviewing floorplans, checking inventory, gathering details of space, organizing the library of finishes, working on signage.

## Skills

- Responsible
- Professional
- Can complete tasks independently
- Organized
- Self-starter



# Anesthesia

## What They Do

Tech support for use of virtual reality.  
Update and manage virtual reality devices  
at JHACH. Provide VR gaming sessions for  
patients, their families and JHACH staff.

## Skills

- Interest in medicine
- Enjoys gaming and being around kids
- Tech savvy
- Takes initiative
- Can work independently



# Office of Medical Education

## What They Do

New Resident Physician and Fellow Physician Onboarding and Orientation; Project Management; Data Entry; Event Management.

## Skills

- Interest in healthcare administration
- Professionalism
- Organization
- Outgoing
- Hardworking
- Efficient



# Surgery

## What They Do

Filing & scanning, marketing/development of monthly newsletter templates, special projects (Cleft & craniofacial family fun day, patient & family centered care data, etc.)

## Skills

- Marketing experience
- Creative
- Hardworking
- Reliable



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