

Angie Bishard, a senior majoring in business administration, is the first student to serve in a cooperative internship.



Angie Bishard completing internship with R-C hospital

Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie and Chowan College have established a cooperative internship for business administration students.

Angela Bishard of Murfreesboro has been chosen by the faculty of the Department of Business as the first student to participate and be awarded the internship.

In applying for the internship, Bishard completed the necessary application forms and also submitted a written essay outlining her goals and objectives and stating how an intern experience would help her succeed.

A member of the college's first senior class, Bishard is working in the Volunteer Services and Customer Relations Department at the hospital under the direction of Bea Vaughan.

Bishard's intern duties relate to her special interest in human resource management and public relations. She is directly involved in broadening and enhancing the hospital volunteer and customer services programs.

The young student works closely with hospital volunteers to match their interest to the various assignments in the hospital. She also interviews patients in an effort to provide better service and facilities.

Since assuming the intern role, Bishard has prepared several brochures featuring the volunteer

services and customer relations for the hospital. She has also prepared a handbook for junior volunteers of the hospital.

"I really enjoy my work with the hospital," Angie says, "for it gives me a lot of experience working with people and learning about the 'real world' of work.

"I think an internship should be required for all students receiving a degree for I know that it will provide a smooth transition from the classroom to the workplace," she stated. "An internship will also give the student a competitive edge over other graduates seeking employment positions."

She will earn three semester hours credit toward meeting graduation requirements for the internship. Bishard has maintained an excellent academic average while a student at Chowan and has been placed on the Dean's List for several semesters.

Pat Owens, Roanoke-Chowan Hospital's director of admissions, and Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, chairperson of the Department of Business, worked together to develop this program in an effort to give students practical experiences in the "real world".

After graduation, Bishard plans to work in human resources management or public relations. She has not ruled out the possibility of graduate school, but says "that will come a couple of years later."

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