**Student Benefits**

- Impacts the student’s choice of major, career and life direction
- Connects classroom theory to “hands-on” practice
- Strengthens the student’s reflection: the key to real learning
- Develops social, intercultural and personal leadership skills
- Sharpens the student’s ability to solve real-world problems
- Earns academic credit and recognition for experiences gained

**Employer Benefits**

**Give**

- Internship, job-shadowing and work experiences to CCU students
- Service learning opportunities for the mutual benefit of the organization and community
- Training and mentoring that mold a student toward becoming a successful young professional

**Get**

- Highly educated and motivated pre-professionals for potential employee recruitment
- A larger volunteer pool: service-learning students share their experiences with friends and classmates
- Increased access to other University resources as you build relationships with CCU faculty, students and staff
- Enhanced company image in the community by supporting local University students

**Experiential Learning Contacts**

**Experiential Learning Office** provides resources and information to students exploring experiential learning opportunities.

- [www.coastal.edu/elo](http://www.coastal.edu/elo)
- 843.349.6417

**Office for Undergraduate Research** helps match students with faculty members to increase research, presentation and publication opportunities.

- [www.coastal.edu/ugresearch](http://www.coastal.edu/ugresearch)
- 843.349.2403

**Career Services Center** specializes in connecting students to relevant internship and job shadowing assignments.

- [www.coastal.edu/career](http://www.coastal.edu/career)
- 843.349.2341

**Office of International Programs and Services** develops opportunities for students looking to study, work and travel abroad.

- [www.coastal.edu/international](http://www.coastal.edu/international)
- 843.349.2054

**Office of Student Activities and Leadership** partners with nonprofit organizations offering volunteer service opportunities.

- [www.coastal.edu/osal](http://www.coastal.edu/osal)
- 843.349.2301

**Are You Experienced?**

**Get Experience!**

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**Experiential Learning Opportunities**

**Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Works**
Students work closely with faculty members to perform research, publish, make presentations and engage in creative activities. These are important steps for those seeking admission to graduate programs.

**Internships**
Coastal has partnered with hundreds of businesses, schools and nonprofit organizations to offer internships and field work that provide on-the-job experience and the exploration of potential career paths.

**International Studies**
Coastal provides opportunities for students to travel and explore other cultures throughout the world by studying abroad and participating in other international programs.

**Service Learning**
Students have opportunities to make a difference in the community by working with nonprofit organizations and engaging in volunteer services.

**Designed Projects**
Many academic departments offer courses that engage students in activities, simulations and projects beyond the confines of the classroom that provide unique real-world learning opportunities.

**What our STUDENTS Are Saying...**

“Experiential learning offers authentic and meaningful experiences to students. It presents opportunities beyond college – internships, conferences, connections for future jobs. It is the most stimulating way to learn and experience the field of your choice before going into the world after your university experience.”

“Visiting six different middle schools in one semester allowed me to experience the different cultures of the schools and diversity within the classrooms. It was an opportunity to connect the theories and strategies we learn here at Coastal, and experience them in a classroom full of students.”

“The Wall Fellows Program has helped me reach my potential by teaching me the importance of leadership, communication, teamwork, and organizational skills. This will help bridge the gap between the classroom and world beyond.”

**What our EMPLOYERS Are Saying...**

“Coastal students bring a new energy to our program. They observe our program with fresh vision and offer new perspectives on how to get things done! Coastal students are tech-savvy and are ready to bring our communication methods up to date!”

“Our organization benefits from having a student provide assistance in our different program areas. These students may possibly be the future leaders of the United States Marshals Service.”

“The students provide an additional resource that the department can tap into and capitalize upon to improve our delivery of services to the community; serving as a quintessential force multiplier for the department.”

“Interns coming from Coastal Carolina University bring some of the latest concepts from their coursework and research. They offer a fresh perspective and bring new practices to the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.”

**Experiential Learning Opportunities**
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