

Professional Development



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Overview

The Franklin College Professional Development program is something every Franklin student participates in throughout their undergraduate career. The overarching theme of Professional Development is the continuous improvement of self, organization, and society. We strive to develop each student's mental, physical, moral, social, and financial competence to a level that allows immediate success in the workplace or graduate school, as well as long term success in life.

Professional Development

Professional Development at Franklin College includes experiences approved by the student's academic department along with integration of Leadership, Service Learning, Global Education and Career Services—all part of an Engaged Learning Team consisting of dedicated faculty and staff. Specific outcomes related to Professional Development include the following:

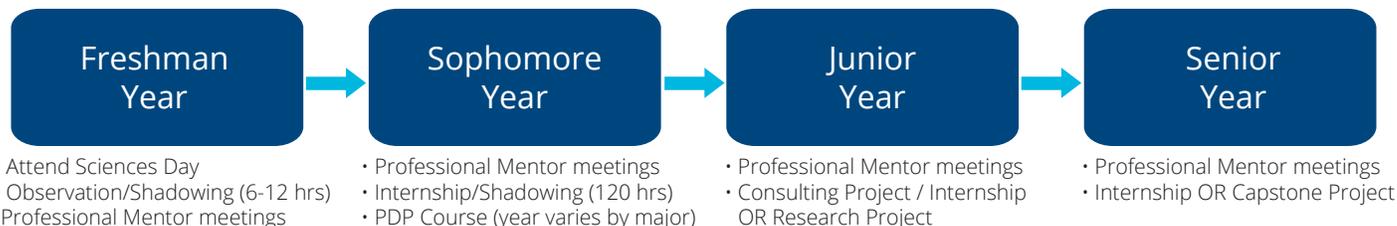
- Professional Competencies (personal qualities, interpersonal abilities, communication skills and cognitive abilities)
- Awareness of Real World, Workplace and Transition Issues (topics such as diversity, professional networking, lifestyle issues, organizational cultures, managing money, etc. presented in an engaging way that brings awareness and confidence to students)
- Additional Opportunities (workshops and activities pertaining to business etiquette, systems thinking, and interviewing are provided along with various opportunities to engage with Franklin College alumni and professionals)

Franklin College Professional Development Certificate Program

The program is initially targeting students who have a career interest in health care and aspire to take full advantage of the resources at Franklin College to develop the skills, network and confidence in their career path. One of the hallmark elements of this certificate program is linking Professional Career Mentors with freshmen students throughout their undergraduate studies.

The certificate consists of a 4-year plan for students to:

- Explore Opportunities
- Experience Hands-on Hours in the Field
- Engage with a Professional Career Mentor



Student Remarks

"One of the greatest benefits that this program can offer me is the chance to explore my options. By going through this program, I will be given the opportunity to receive hands-on experience in both job fields and hopefully gather a clearer idea of which profession I would like to follow."

Mallory Guess, Williamsburg, OH

"I hope that this [professional development] organization not only opens doors for me in my pursuit of a career in the medical field, but I also hope that it can provide me with the tools I need to

John Zemkewicz, Munster, IN

"I feel that being a part of this program will encourage me to develop the professionalism a career of this nature requires, as well as gain confidence in my abilities."

Caitlyn Cherry, New Palestine, IN

"The broadenings this program provides is the right kind of push that I need to excel in school and in the work place."

Sam Hall, Owensboro, KY

Career Mentors

Professional Career Mentors representing a number of organizations are working with Franklin College students.

