



# PETRA Ministry INTERNSHIP

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What will I do during the Internship?**

The Internship consists of a balance of activities. Firstly, the student is being exposed to pastoral ministry in it's most practical context. The student will make observations and assessments based on that exposure. Secondly, the student will have opportunities to dialogue with various pastors and ministry leaders who are practicing vocational or bi-vocational ministry. Finally, the students will be given opportunities to practice ministry in it's different variations: sitting in meetings; working with teams; teaching and training; meeting with people; administrative tasks; and creative planning. To view the official requirements of the Internship and recommended ministry involvements [Download the Internship Outline and Commitment.](#)

### **What are the different Ministry Internship modules?**

Whether you are exploring part-time, or full-time vocational ministry Petra offers a variety of internship modules that also meet academic requirements.

- General Pastoral Ministry
- Worship Arts Ministry
- Care Ministry
- Student Ministries
- Children's Ministry
- Connections and Discipleship
- Missions

### **Is there any cost to the Internship program?**

No. At this time, the Internship is a free service Petra offers to help disciple the next generation of church leadership. Neither is Petra a paid internship. There are no compensatory benefits to the student's ministry contribution.

## How long is the Internship?

The Internship is based on total hours invested. There are three recommended ways to accrue your total hours:

- **3 Months** To finish the internship in 3 months the student would commit to 16 hours a week
- **6 Months** To finish the internship in 6 months the student would commit to 8 hours a week
- **9 Months** To finish the internship in 9 months the student would commit to 4 hours a week

## Can I work full time and enroll in the Internship?

Yes. The student and Internship Director should discuss a schedule that accommodates both student and the assigned pastor. Different levels of weekly commitment can be arranged. (See [How Long is the Internship?](#)) Some daytime hours are recommended for the student to get a sense of the pastor's daily and weekly work load.

## Can this Internship be used as credit for my school?

Each school has different academic requirements. In most cases, the student and the Internship Director should be able to personalize the Internship and make the necessary adjustments to meet those requirements.

## What if I don't know what type of pastoral ministry I want to be involved in?

The General Pastor Ministry module gives a student exposure to a variety of different ministry fields within a local church setting. This module can serve as the primary module if a student doesn't have a clear enough sense of their ministry field.

## Do I need to be a member of this church to go through the Internship?

No. Petra values equipping God's people for work in the greater Kingdom of God. Interns do not need to have history with Petra Church or the Hopewell Network. If students are not already a part of the Hopewell or Dove Networks of churches they need to attend Petra during the duration of the Internship. Additionally, students need to have read and agreed to [Petra's Mission, Core Values](#), and [Code of Conduct](#) and act in accordance with our ministry culture.

## Is there an age limit to the Internship?

No. For students under the age of 18 years there is a [Parental Consent and Liability Release Form](#).