My Application Was Accepted – What Now?

Now you begin the process of searching for an internship. The internship data base is there to help you and also provides a way for you to stay in touch with the internship coordinator as you progress through your search. All you need is your user name and password that you created when your application was accepted.

Searching the Data Base

You can search the data base by a single category, or by up to four categories. You can search by the age group you are interested in, the problems you are interested in working with, the services you want to learn to provide, and the location. You can search using more than one category at a time. For example, you can search for programs dealing with substance abuse (problem) for adults (age). You may want to use one category at a time until you have a good sense of what’s in the data base; that way you don’t miss anything. And you can always send the internship coordinator a message right from the data base page with a question or comment, and s/he will respond to you.

If you see an internship that looks interesting, you can put it in your “cart.” These are the sites that you plan to think more about and possibly call for interviews. You can take a site out of your cart at any time; putting it in there does not obligate you to intern there or even to go for an interview.

If you do want to go for an interview, all the information you need is in the data base. When you get back from the interview, you should send the coordinator a message telling how it went and whether you are still interested.

Plan to interview at two or three places before making your final choice. Once you have made a final selection, you can designate that site as your final selection from the data base. However, you still need to call and tell the site that you have decided you want to intern there, and make sure they also want you!

Sites that are Not in the Data Base

The data base is growing all the time, but there are thousands of possible placements and only a small portion of them are in the data base. So if you know of or hear of a possible site you’d like to explore, just send an email to the internship coordinator. S/he will look into it, get back to you, and if it seems like a good internship site s/he will put it into the data base and you can then proceed as described above.