

## QUOTES FROM RIDOC INTERNS

“I’ve gotten more experience in this clinical than I have in all of my others put together. I was scared to work with inmates at first, but I quickly found that if you give them respect, they will give you respect in return.”

URI Nursing Intern

“I did an internship in the P.R. Office thinking it would expose me to various aspects of corrections and help me narrow down my focus. I found the p.r. work so interesting and gained so many useful skills that I decided to shift directions.”

Information & P.R. Office Intern

“I can’t imagine a better way to determine whether a career in Probation & Parole would be for me! The hands-on experience and exposure made me realize this is the profession I want to pursue. My supervisor couldn’t have been more accessible or helpful.”

Probation & Parole Intern

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections is to contribute to public safety by maintaining a balanced correctional system of institutional and community programs that provide a range of control and rehabilitative options for criminal offenders.

## WHY INTERN AT THE RIDOC?

The reach of the Corrections Department in the State of Rhode Island is vast - with over 3,200 inmates in custody in our eight facilities and approximately 24,000 Rhode Islanders on Probation and Parole in the community. One of the largest employers of any state agency with approximately 1,400 employees, the RIDOC provides a variety of challenging opportunities for college (undergraduate and graduate) students looking to explore the field of corrections or to apply their skills in other fields (such as medicine, public relations, law, library science, nursing, counseling, and more) in a unique and interesting setting.

Interning at the RIDOC is a great way to get hands-on experience in corrections and to establish relationships with people who might play a role in helping you to secure employment upon graduation. You will gain concrete experience to include on your resume or discuss in a college essay and to help you make an informed decision about what aspect of corrections you wish to pursue.

# INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Rhode Island Department of Corrections  
Cranston, Rhode Island

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**Adult Probation and Parole:** Student interns will assist Adult Probation and Parole staff in various courtrooms throughout the state interviewing individuals placed on probation and gathering pertinent information necessary to complete the intake process. They will also have the opportunity to work side by side with Probation/Parole Officers to see what they do in their daily work. They may participate in home visits with the Probation/Parole Officer, some of which may include police presence.

**Clinical Psychology:** Student interns will assist RIDOC psychologists and social workers with a variety of tasks related to the treatment of inmates with mental health issues.

**Community Confinement:** Student interns will receive an overview of the program and assist Community Confinement Program Counselors with various duties, including interviewing potential candidates and their family members for eligibility. When possible, students will observe courtroom duties and other aspects of case management.

**Correctional Industries:** Student interns will assist in the creation of data and graphic files for the Correctional Industries website, which is currently in development.

**Education Unit:** Student interns may assist in educational programming in a variety of different facilities.

**Information and Public Relations:** Student interns are needed to assist with research, writing press releases and newsletter articles, proofreading, filing, preparing spreadsheets, data entry, promoting public education programs and special events, gathering information in response to press inquiries, and taking and editing photos. Candidates should have an interest in the field of public relations.

**Library Services:** Student interns majoring in Library and Informational Science or Legal Research will assist the librarian with law and recreational prison library needs. They will also assist with inmate legal research requests, database maintenance projects, and solicitation of book donations.

**Management Information Systems (MIS):** Student interns will assist the MIS staff in daily computer operations as well as with special projects.

**Medical Programs:** Student interns may assist in medical clinics or with presentations involving medical information.

**Office of Legal Counsel:** Second and third-year law students assist with legal research and writing assignments related to cases currently being litigated and may accompany staff attorneys to court or other hearings.

**Planning and Research Unit:** Student interns will conduct research and do statistical work involving the collection, analysis, interpretation and representation of data in a given subject matter field such as corrections and/or criminal justice.

**Reentry Services:** Student interns may assist in institutional programming, discharge planning services, adult counseling services, parenting and fatherhood initiatives, as well as the cognitive and behavioral therapy program.

**Substance Abuse Treatment:** Student interns will assist in interviewing inmates for possible placement in substance abuse treatment programs. They may also assist in entering information regarding these programs into a computer database.

In addition to the placements listed, other special projects may require interns at different times during the year.

If you are interested in a potential non-paid internship (for college credit) please contact:

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All interns must complete a 3 ½ -hour orientation at the RIDOC's Training Academy and pass criminal BCI and NCIC checks. Interns will also have the opportunity to participate in a quarterly tour of the RIDOC facilities.