

I attended the BIO 484 internship class with a good idea of what I wanted to do with my career after ASU. I had already been working in a pharmacy as a Certified Pharmacy Technician, so it made sense to go to pharmacy school to become a pharmacist. I had no other ideas of what I wanted to do and saw no other alternative careers. However, when I took the internship class, there were several guest speakers that worked in the health-related field that came to talk to the class. From employees working in pharmacies at state prisons to laboratory employees working in pharmaceuticals, the class opened my eyes to a broad spectrum of jobs I could hold interest in. One guest speaker in particular, a research company working with pharmaceutical drugs, came to the class and gave a small presentation about their company and what they had to offer to pre-health majors. I was drawn to the company, both for their respect for their employees and their overall success as a whole, and stayed after class to ask a few questions. Needless to say, my eyes were opened to change and I felt excitement to possibly go into another field other than pharmacy. A couple of months after the company's visit, I submitted a resume and application for employment. I was then contacted by the human resources department to follow up with an interview, only to find out that the same human resources manager that came to visit the internship class was part of my interview. She remembered me, what I looked like, and what questions I asked after their presentation was over. Long story short, I was hired.

One of the requirements of the internship class was to compile a resume and take it to the Career Services Center to have it reviewed for editing. Honestly, I thought my resume was just fine and didn't want to go to the workshop. However, the staff at the Career Services Center were very friendly and just want to help you out with perfecting a resume. They gave good input on changes I would have never thought about. Going to the workshop helped me feel more confident about what was on that sheet of paper; after all, you have to explain your entire work history on just one piece of paper. I learned that in addition to resume writing, the Career center also offered a variety of other services, such as interviewing practice. Many people do not realize that Career Center is available to students; I never knew about it until I enrolled in the internship class. Also, it is totally free. Students should take advantage of such a place; even if it is to have a resume looked over. You may never know how much it will help. If it weren't for the workshop requirements and the guest speakers attending the internship class, I would have stayed on a career path I didn't necessarily love.