

Examples of Educator Externship Opportunities:

- I worked at H & R Block during a tax season to get more Accounting experience to help me in teaching the topic to students. ~ Julie Thompson
- I spent a day at a Prevea Clinic to learn more about the medical field (in Manitowoc); Our Chamber of Commerce worked with Educators to establish an Externship Program. Also, in the Manitowoc/Two Rivers area we have done teacher bus tours to visit businesses, ie. construction and manufacturing~ Lisa Klein
- I took the entire teaching staff out to local employers for an in-service day. Went to 10 businesses and then had those businesses come back to our school during the next inservice day to meet with specific staff, take tours, and discuss curriculum. ~ Tom Hermann

What are the challenges in providing teacher internships or shadow experiences?

- Finding business/industry to participate ~ Lisa Klein
 - I would recommend talking with your Chamber of Commerce. It is a great starting point and they are usually so willing and excited to connect you with local businesses. ~ Katie Mulzer
 - Youth Apprenticeship businesses are another awesome group to tap into as well. ~ Jen Johnson
 - Definitely, Jen. I found that my experience went hand in hand with YA and opened doors to invite that partnership to happen. ~Katie Mulzer
- Does anyone have suggestions for getting more meaningful information from a shorter term commitment? We did a bus tour type of idea on an in-service day, which was good, but really didn't get into any sort of details beyond those employability skills. Those are important skills too, but I don't know that that knowledge alone made it worth it for our teachers. ~ Amy Richter
 - If you could divide the teachers by content area, that might allow an employer to focus on the connections to one content area. ~ Lynn Aprill
 - Also, help educators identify what they are hoping to get out of the experience and communicate that in advance to the employer. Also, be transparent and specific about what educators will do with the information afterwards. ~Karin Smith

Other comments:

- [3M TWIST program](#)... amazing! ~ Randy Ketola
- This is a great way to build connections b/w industry and schools. I'm sure industry learns a ton about our schools and the great educators in our schools. Thanks Katie & Randy! ~ Dan VanderVelden
- This is another way to get great speakers to come to your classes. ~ Lisa Klein
- **Leslie Fee at JW Speaker in Germantown, WI. feel@jwspeaker.com; she is willing to speak to anyone who is interested in starting an externship experience for teachers.**