



CAREER CORNER

November 2023

Berks Career & Technology Center (BCTC) 2024-2025 applications are submitted online. Completed agreement form, essay, and teacher recommendations are due in the counseling office by November 17.

<https://berkscareer.com/apply-to-bctc/>

Second Semester Work-Based Learning Internship Application Process

Work-Based Learning internships allow students to gain valuable work experience for credit. Internships are a minimum of 60 hours in lieu of study halls and electives. They could extend into afterschool hours and weekends depending on the placement. Credit-based internships are only available to current juniors and seniors. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from internships.

Applications are now available in the Career Portfolio Google Classroom or from Mrs. Beck in room 109. **Deadline to apply for a second semester internship is November 15.** A parent/guardian and student MUST attend one of the following mandatory informational meetings regarding the requirements of the program:

Monday, November 20 at 1:00 PM
Monday, November 20 at 3:00 PM
Tuesday, November 21 at 3:00 PM
Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 PM

Meetings will last about 45 minutes. Parents will sign up for a meeting date on the Work-Based Learning application form. Work-Based Learning internships are explored after the parent/student meeting and are not guaranteed.

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PAYING FOR COLLEGE

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Monday, November 20

7:00 PM

High School Auditorium



NEW: Changes to the FAFSA

What Do You Need to Know?

What Do You Need to Do?

Loans, Grants, Scholarships

Financial Aid Process

FAFSA Application

Deadlines

Presented by Benjamin Rosenberger,
RACC Director of Financial Aid

The date for the release of this year's FAFSA has not been announced. Watch for updated information in December.

Hospital Internship Programs for 2024-2025

Reading Hospital and Penn State Health (PSH) St. Joseph Medical Center offer senior year internship opportunities for students in Berks County. Reading Hospital offers clinical and non-clinical experience. PSH St. Joseph Medical Center offers only clinical experiences. Since these programs are competitive, students wanting a clinical experience are strongly encouraged to apply to both internship programs.

Students interested in exploring a hospital internship MUST attend the information meetings being held this month. Applications will be distributed at the meetings. Once applications have been submitted and reviewed, interviews will be scheduled. Internship offers will be made in February. **Both hospitals have strict policies on deadlines and attendance at required interviews and meetings.** Interested students must sign up in the Career Portfolio Google Classroom to attend the information meetings.

PSH St. Joseph Internship Meeting

Thursday, November 2
11:15AM

The internship program at Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center introduces students to a professional world, teaches the expectations of employers and enhances their personal and professional development. Students learn about different careers, different work settings and obtain hands-on experience in a hospital setting. Possible program areas include: Cardio-Respiratory, Cancer Center/Radiation Oncology, Family Birthing Center/Pediatrics, Family Practice, Emergency Management, Surgical Services, Emergency Department, Laboratory, Medical/Surgical inpatient floors, Office of Development, Translator Services, and Wound Care.

Application Period Open	November 13 - December 15
Interviews	January 2-19
Decision Letters (Sent via email)	Friday, February 2
Accept or Decline Invitation <small>If no response, the offer is considered rescinded.</small>	Friday, February 9
Parent Night	March 25 or 29
Documents from Parent Night Due	Friday, April 26

****Dates subject to change - coordinators will be notified in the event of any changes***

Reading Hospital Internship Meeting

Monday, November 13
1:15PM

Reading Hospital offers internships for seniors who want a clinical or non-clinical experience in a hospital setting. Non-clinical placements include Central Monitoring/Virtual Patient Monitoring, Community Wellness, Nutrition Services, Environmental Services, Finance, or Patient Access Center. Clinical placements have been offered in Respiratory Care/Sleep Center, Emergency Department/ED Observation, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Mother Baby, Children's Health Center, or Critical Care.

Application Period Open	December 1-January 5
Interviews	Rolling, Through January 31
Decision Letters (Sent via email)	Friday, February 2
Student/Parent Orientation	Weeks of February 19-26
Onboarding Process Begins	Wednesday, March 6
Onboarding Process Complete	By End of School Year

****Note: Dates subject to change at the discretion of Reading Hospital***

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OPEN HOUSE

Discover great career opportunities available at BCTC. Tour programs and speak with instructors.

West Campus

Wednesday, November 1

5:00—8:00 PM

1057 County Welfare Rd, Leesport

East Campus

Wednesday, November 8

5:00 - 8:00 PM

3307 Friedensburg Road, Oley

Use link for a list of programs at each campus.

<https://www.berkscareer.com/OpenHouse>

Checklist for Collegebound Seniors

Make a goal to have these completed by Thanksgiving.

- ✓College applications—pay attention to deadlines
- ✓Athletes: Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, if you have not done so yet.

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

If your colleges have separate scholarship applications, be sure to complete them by the designated deadlines.

Use **Parchment** to request transcripts to be sent to colleges. www.parchment.com

Send your **official SAT** scores to the colleges where you have applied, if required. Scores are sent through www.collegeboard.org. If colleges are test optional, send scores only if they will enhance your application.

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
CAREER & JOB FAIR

NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 8:30-11:30 AM
Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA

FREE and open to high schoolers, college students, and adults of all education levels!

- Exhibitors include: local companies, government agencies, and colleges.
- Opportunities for internships, volunteering, job shadowing.
- Current or future employment opportunities.

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finance education

Save THE Date

Register here

or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48ACA62EA0FA7-career>
For more information contact : deptofag@countyofberks.com
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