

INTERN SUCCESS STORY



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I was looking for an opportunity, and found it at the Comptroller's office.

I began my career with the Comptroller's office as a summer intern, I was looking to put the knowledge I learned to use. I saw the opportunity to intern at the Comptroller's office, and thought it was a perfect way to obtain hands-on experience while shadowing a cybersecurity analyst. The internship provided me access to a professional setting and insight into what goes on in the day to day operations.

They made me part of the team.

The work atmosphere was very accepting. They took me in and treated me as part of the group. In fact, the IT division gave me a task to help design a monitoring tool and work on creating a policy within it for the whole agency. The focus was to bolster our defenses against ransomware. It was overwhelming at times but nice in that I was able to do something important.

I listened and learned everything I could, and that made all the difference.

The CPA staff was sincerely trying to help me succeed. So I took advantage of that and learned as much as I could about what they're doing here. This is the type of hands on learning can only be done in an internship capacity, not in school. And it proved to be very valuable for me in the long run. Once my internship ended, I decided to apply for a job with CPA's IT division, and I was hired.

I'm happy to continue the work I started from my internship.

I joined the Incident Response Team within the IT division full-time. I was excited to pick up where I left off and accepted some new roles and responsibilities. I

currently assist people within the agency with any security concerns. I also help administer and implement application whitelisting. It's always an adventure.

The bottom line is the Comptroller's office is a great place to work at. It has a lot of resources to help you grow in your career. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work here.



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