

Internship: Pierce County Prosecutor's Office

Agency Description:

The Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is located in downtown Tacoma and employs approximately 213 staff, which includes over 100 deputy prosecutors. Pierce County has a population of 813,600 and growing. The office is comprised of the Criminal Division, which includes the Homicide and Violent Crimes Division, Major Crimes Division, Misdemeanor Division, Juvenile Division, Appeals Division, Investigative Services Division, and Victim-Witness Assistance Services Division. The Criminal Division reviews more than 22,800 criminal cases every year. The office's Civil Division provides legal advice to county officials and represents the county's interests in court. The Family Support Division protects the best interests of children.

Additional Information can be found on their website: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/118/Prosecuting-Attorney>, as well as on Facebook.

Internship Locations:

- 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 946, Tacoma, WA 98402
- 955 Tacoma Avenue South, 2nd Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402
- 5501 6th Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98406 - Remann Hall
- 718 Court E, Tacoma, WA 98402 – Family Justice Center

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The Pierce County Prosecutor's Office has internship positions available for the Spring Quarter. These are unpaid internships and, as required by the university, the interns will work at least 10 hours per week. They are looking for individuals who have a very strong interest in seeking justice for victims by pursuing a career as a prosecutor, legal assistant, or law enforcement officer. Interns must have a strong work ethic and demonstrate the core values of being a good worker, good colleague, and good emissary for the Office. They will provide their interns a variety of interesting experiences working directly with the attorneys and staff at the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office on criminal cases, which can include violent crime, white-collar crime, drug crimes, and juvenile offenders, as well as working on various projects as assigned including clerical work. Finally, the intern will be exposed to court proceedings.

How to Apply:

1. Interested students should initially contact Barb Toews, Assistant Professor, Social Work and Criminal Justice Program for a pre- interview.
2. You must meet the requirements for the course, which are detailed on the internship course website.
3. A cover letter and resume are also required. Make certain you check your grammar and spelling on both. Students should obtain assistance from the Department of Student Transition Programs, University of Washington Tacoma, http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/studentaffairs/SS/cde_about.cfm
4. Those who meet the requirements will be referred to the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office.
5. Please be aware that if you are interested in being considered as an intern for this agency, you must undergo a thorough Criminal Background check, which includes being fingerprinted and an interview with the Chief Investigator, prior to being accepted.