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Baptist College of Health Sciences and Semmes-Murphey Provide Unique Internship Experience for Students

Memphis, Tenn. Dec. 3, 2018—Baptist College of Health Science and Semmes-Murphey have partnered to create the Quality Outcomes (QOD) Internship Program for qualified students enrolled in the College’s Health Administration program.

One second-year student is selected at the beginning of the fall semester and the internship lasts for three years or the duration of his or her college career. Each year, the College intern will be exposed to different tasks important to the Health Administration field. In year one, the student will conduct patient interviews and complete database modules to help improve patient outcomes and patient satisfaction while learning about neurology. During year two, the student will participate in additional research activities with the addition of quality improvement projects. For the third year, the intern becomes a Project Specialist while partaking in a 14-week formalized experience at Semmes-Murphey to satisfy graduation requirements.

“At the College, we work hard to place students in positions that can progress into fulltime jobs following graduation,” explained Dr. Barry Shultz, Dean of Dual Education and Health Studies. “Internships like the one with Semmes-Murphey help prepare students for employment and a professional setting.”

The QOD Internship Program launched in September 2018. Currently two students are enrolled in the program, with one getting internship credit, sophomore Health Administration major Courtney Simpson who expects to graduate in 2020.

“I picked Health Administration as my major because I wanted to work on the business side of health care,” said Simpson. “The QOD Internship Program is helping me gain experience in that area.”

The QOD Internship Program is the first of its kind with a formal partnership with the College and a medical clinic. However similar internships exist with medical clinics and College students, said Dr. Shultz.

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