

Business	Not required, but highly recommended. Some unpaid internships, but students will need to inquire of individual departments. A great opportunity for all majors is the Experiential Learning Center where students (junior standing) work on real company business problems.	Depends on the company
Education	Required for Elementary Ed., Special Ed, Physical Ed, Early Childhood Studies. Observations, clinicals, and student teaching	Background checks are done at the Regional Office of Education (ROE) or at the school districts administration office (where the student will observe or teach) depending on the school district's preference
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Required for teacher certification programs, clinicals, and student teaching.	Background checks are done at the ROE
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Not required, but highly recommended for non-teacher certification programs.	Depends on the major and internship site
Visual & Performing Arts	Required for teaching certification programs (Art & Music Education).	Background checks are done at the ROE
Visual & Performing Arts	Not required, but highly recommended for non-teaching programs.	Depends on site
ROTC	Only US citizens because, upon graduation, they will be Lt. officers. However, a student can enlist at a military recruiting office.	N/A
Education	Athletic Training & Kinesiology: Observation hours required. Some can be done with trainers at NIU in the Recreation Center. Student is responsible to find the site	Varies by site
Engineering & Engineering Technology	Required for Elementary Ed., Special Ed. Physical Ed. Early Childhood Studies, Observations, clinicals, and student teaching	Depends on the company
Health & Human Sciences	Textile Apparel & Merchandising: Internship Nutrition & Dietetics: Food service work hours Hospitality Administration: Food service work hours Early Childhood Studies: Clinicals/Student teaching Child Development: Practicum & volunteer hours Family Social Services: Practicum & Internship Family Individual Development: Practicum & Internship Communicative Disorders: Highly recommended Clinical Lab Sciences: Practicum I & II Public Health: Pre-Practicum & Practicum Health Education: Student teaching Nursing: Clinicals It is recommended that the student talk with an adviser on the specific major to better address the background-check protocol and site placement requirements.	Teacher licensure majors under Health and Human sciences need to process background checks via the ROE or at the school districts administration office depending on the school district's preference. All other majors requiring a background check need to consult with their primary academic advisor.