

Merchandising Exposure Program

Company Overview

At Walgreens, we help people get, stay and live well. That's our core purpose and the difference we make in people's lives every day. Our purpose has shaped the direction of our company since Charles R. Walgreen Sr. founded his first drugstore in 1901, and it still does today.

Walgreens has something for everyone who wants to build a successful career. Here, you'll find supportive co-workers, an innovative environment and the tools you need to expand your skills, help build healthy communities and advance your career.

About This Opportunity

As an intern in the Merchandising Exposure Program (MEP), you'll learn how to apply your analytical skills, classroom learning, and interest in retail to make a meaningful contribution to the growth of our company. Over the 10 week long program at our corporate headquarters in Deerfield, IL, you will have the opportunity to work with and learn from a group of innovative individuals focused on guiding the growth of the leading drugstore retailer.

Previous Merchandising Interns have worked on projects in Category Management, Space Management, Global Insights, Marketing, and Owned Brands. In addition, all interns have the opportunity to work with individuals throughout the company including interaction with the following divisions: Finance, Pharmacy, Sourcing, Purchasing, Store Operations, Supply Chain, Owned Brands, Ecommerce, and Marketing.

The program is designed to provide you with a full experience as to what your career within Walgreens could look like. We position you to succeed with training, exposure to the business, social activities, mentorship, a case competition, and performance management sessions for your continued growth and development.

Our Merchandising Exposure Program (MEP) is a key entry point for merchandising professionals at Walgreens. MEP is designed to attract high-potential candidates looking to further develop their analytic skills and careers in retail by participating in the Merchandising Analyst Rotational Program (MARP) after graduation. MEP is the key pipeline for the full-time Merchandising Analyst Rotational Program.

Walgreens is looking for individuals that have a strong analytical foundation, superior communication skills, excellent problem-solving skills, demonstrate assertiveness, enjoy a fast paced, dynamic atmosphere, and desire to learn more about the retail industry.

As a part of the Merchandising Exposure Program, interns experience the following benefits:

- **Training:** We provide formal classroom training, professional development training, and on-the-job training throughout the program ensuring that all interns have the skills to excel within their internship.
- **Mentoring:** All interns receive a mentor and buddy, allowing for two immediate sources of information and guidance. Both will help build your career and network within Walgreens in addition to answering any questions you may have throughout the program.
- **Case Study Competition:** All interns will be assigned to a cross-functional intern team where they will complete and present a Walgreens case study. Teams will present to senior leadership,

Merchandising Exposure Program

and the winning team will have the opportunity to have lunch with the CEO and his leadership team.

- **Visibility to Executives:** In addition to presenting to senior leadership in the case study competition, interns have the opportunity to participate in scheduled lunches with executives throughout Merchandising.
- **Distribution Center and Store Tours:** Interns are given the experience to tour one of our distribution centers and flagship stores, allowing you to see the application of your work and how it impacts the customer and store employees.
- **Social Events:** Throughout the internship we schedule social events in Chicago ranging from a sporting event, to seeing the famous improv group, The Second City. These are a great opportunity to network with your colleagues, and enjoy Chicago in the summer!
- **Potential Full-time Offer:** Based on performance, high-performing interns will be extended an offer to participate in the full-time Merchandising & Marketing Development Program after graduation.

Basic Qualifications & Interests:

- Currently enrolled in a Bachelors degree program with 2 to 3 semesters remaining with a graduation date no later than June 2018 and have a GPA of 3.0
- Majors in fields such as Merchandising, Marketing, Economics, or Financial Analysis
- Communication skills such as writing reports and presenting the information to key stakeholders
- Experience collaborating with teams
- Intermediate level of MS Excel and Access such as creating spreadsheets & databases, running reports, utilizing vlookups, using pivot tables, calculating totals and formatting.
- Experience analyzing data
- Experience using financial modeling skills such as business analytics and problem solving
- Knowledge of working in a matrix environment

Learn more about our Internship and Rotational Programs through Walgreens website www.walgreens.jobs. Applications are actively reviewed.