



**NEXGEN:
TENNESSEE HOSPITAL
EXECUTIVE INTERNSHIP**

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



WHAT IS THE NEXGEN: TENNESSEE HOSPITAL EXECUTIVE INTERNSHIP?

NexGen: Tennessee Hospital Executive Internship is the next chapter in THA's longstanding commitment to healthcare leadership development. This internship connects graduate students in healthcare administration with hospital executives for summer internships across the state, providing valuable professional experience.

The internship program offers a structured learning environment in which interns collaborate closely with hospital administrators and staff. Through hands-on involvement, participants gain practical insight into hospital management while enhancing their skills and knowledge. This exposure is designed to prepare them for future leadership roles within the healthcare sector. During the internship, students undertake a major project that directly benefits the host organization. They also engage in shadowing, conduct staff interviews, and participate in various organizational activities. These experiences help interns develop essential communication and leadership skills, bridging the gap between academic theories and real-world application.



ELIGIBILITY

Students pursuing a graduate degree in healthcare administration, public health, healthcare financial management and related healthcare subject areas are eligible to apply. Students are required to have a valid U.S. driver's license and dependable transportation for travel to and from the hospital. Interns must be able to commit to the full internship program duration. Eligible candidates must be either (1) a citizen of the United States, (2) a noncitizen national of the U.S., (3) a lawful permanent resident of the U.S., or (4) an alien authorized to work in the U.S. and be able to present proper documentation to establish employment authorization and identity.



SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

Applying for the NexGen: Tennessee Hospital Executive Internship begins online at tha.com/internship. Candidates submit information via a secure web form before sending supporting documents and information directly to THA. An initial review of applications is performed based on academic excellence, interest and commitment to a career in healthcare, personal statements, and references. The goal is to identify ambitious students with a high potential for success.

Qualified candidates are first interviewed by THA staff; those selected to move forward will be subject to a criminal background check. Satisfactory results from this check will enable the student to continue in the process. Candidates are then recommended to a group of hospitals, depending on qualifications and the needs of hospitals participating in the program. Once referred to a hospital, students are contacted for virtual or in-person interviews with the preceptor or other hospital leadership.

The final decision on whether to accept a candidate is up to the hospital. Candidates should notify THA immediately if they are uninterested in a specific placement or if their ability to complete the program changes at any point during the selection process. THA makes every effort to provide quality candidates who match the needs of participating hospitals. When necessary, geographic location and the student's ability to relocate are factors in these matches. Placement near a candidate's school or home cannot be guaranteed.



COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Interns are paid \$7,920 for the full internship and should expect to complete 40 hours of work within the hospital per week. Payroll is issued by THA biweekly. THA issues payroll via direct deposit, so interns will need a valid checking account to receive pay. No payroll advances are issued to interns.

Interns do not receive health insurance or any other benefits as part of their internship. Vacation and sick time are not awarded as part of the program, although holidays observed by the hospital will be considered "paid" days off. Any other time taken off due to illness or previously scheduled vacations should be cleared through the preceptor and is unpaid. Written notice shall be given to THA in order to adjust the pay accordingly. Any arrangements to make up for missed time by working additional hours or days should immediately be brought to the THA contact's attention.



HOUSING AND TRAVEL

Interns are responsible for their housing and living expenses. If an intern is willing and agrees to relocate for the summer, a taxable housing reimbursement up to \$3,000 will be available. It will be their responsibility to find housing for the internship. THA, preceptors, or others at the hospital may be able to offer suggestions for local housing. For those who must travel daily due to the location of their assignment, fuel expenses will be the responsibility of the intern.



INTERNSHIP EXPECTATIONS

INTERNS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PROACTIVE, AND:

- Engage and interact with the assigned preceptor and other team members.
- Ask questions when appropriate.
- Function as a usual member of the team.
- Maintain and submit a weekly journal and timesheet documenting the week's experiences and work.
- Complete a summer project as directed by the preceptor.
- Present to THA staff and hospital leaders.

THE NEXGEN: TENNESSEE HOSPITAL EXECUTIVE INTERNSHIP CONSISTS OF THREE MAIN COMPONENTS:

Administrator Shadowing

Attend meetings, discuss decision-making processes and gain exposure to the day-to-day life of an administrator.

Senior Staff Interviews

Meet with executives and leaders to learn about the various roles in healthcare, training and skills necessary for these roles and how they all work together within the organization.

Student Projects

Complete short- and long-term projects and work that bring value to the organization, as well as the student. This allows interns to deliver great work to their hospitals and gain real-world experience, which directly relates to their studies and/or thesis work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, November 2, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Orientation Day: Friday, May 14, 2027

Internship Period: May 17, 2027, through July 30, 2027

Presentation Day: Tuesday, August 3, 2027