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Interning for Walgreens gave me the real world experience of working full time in a business environment. I've worked in customer service positions before, however as a management intern I soon found how different it is to run and operate a store. My intern group had the opportunity to go on tour at the Walgreens Flag Ship Store in Hollywood and the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. In the internship program we had individual and group projects with other management and pharmacy interns that we had to complete in the store, and we would report our findings during weekly meetings at the district office. I got to apply what I learned in my UC Riverside courses

in addition to learning new skills such as taking direction and leading a team, and overall enhancing team unity within a store. I also took the initiative to start my own project in the store which was a shrink project to monitor product theft, expired merchandise, and shrink. Through this project, I learned how to effectively manage inventory control to better assess shrink that occurred in the store, which is an important factor for store managers to manage. I did not accept Walgreens' full employment offer after completing the internship, just because it wasn't the right fit for me because of my deeper interest in marketing. However, the Walgreens internship did lead me into the healthcare side, as I now have a deeper interest in the healthcare industry, and currently I am now a marketing intern for a healthcare organization.