New! Certificate in Public History

Purpose

The mission of CNU's Public History Center is to foster a broader understanding of the importance of history and to forge closer relationships between CNU and the world-class museums, archives, and public history agencies located throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. We encourage students to apply their classroom skills to real world experiences in the field of public history.

Make a meaningful impact on how the public understands history and a lasting contribution to the Hampton Roads community and beyond!

Requirement

120 internship hours at a verified public history agency* (HIST 491 counts automatically)

*Note: non-credit hours must be approved by the Director of the PHC and must consist of work in the field of public history. Students also must submit a description of the scope of work completed by agency supervisor. Verified agencies may include museums, historical parks, libraries and archives, historical societies, cultural resources management, and the like.

Options

In addition to the internship requirement, students may choose one of the following:

* Volunteer at 5 PHC approved events at local public history agencies, per the following:

Students must complete the Event Sign Up Form found on our website listed below at least 4 days before event date.

Dr. Shuck-Hall will then contact you with details (agency contact, parking, times, etc.)

Students must also fill out the Volunteer Event Verification Form found on our website listed below for each event and verify completed volunteer time with agency supervisor's signature. In addition, students are encouraged to email a selfie while at each event and email to sheri.shuckhall@cnu.edu.

OR

* 25 volunteer hours at one or more verified public history agencies other than where internship was completed.

Students must have agency supervisor fill out the Volunteer Event Verification Form found on our website listed below by verifying hours completed to receive volunteer credit. Upon completion of the above requirements, please submit a hard copy of all paperwork to Ms. Shannon Combs in MCM 353. The Certificate in Public History will be awarded upon graduation.

Please visit our website for more information, including forms and approved events at:

http://www.cnuacoportal.com/phc