

Murray County

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2025



*Building the future
workforce in Murray
County through real-
world experiences*

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

HISTORY OF PROGRAM

The Murray County Internship Program originated when Commissioner Dave Thiner attended a meeting about an internship initiative launched in a neighboring county. Inspired by the opportunity to connect students with local employers, Thiner brought the idea back to Murray County leadership.

Although funding wasn't initially available, the conversation resurfaced when American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds became accessible. Thiner noted that Nobles County had successfully used ARPA funding to support its internship program, and suggested Murray County do the same. The Murray County ARPA Committee and County Commissioners approved \$115,000 to support up to 15 internship positions over a three-year period, partnering with the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council (PIC) to implement the program.

In its first year, 2024, the program placed 7 college students in internships with Murray County businesses. Students could come from any geographic location, so long as the internship site was within the county.

The program continued into its second year in 2025, with 8 students participating in valuable, hands-on work experiences. Murray County is pleased with the growth and impact of the program and looks forward to continuing it into 2026.



MURRAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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THE INTERNS

Jasmine

*Murray County Medical
Center*

Dillon

*Nobles Cooperative
Electric*

Abbigale

*Murray County Medical
Center*

Simon

*Solid Rock Church
Fulda*

Christian

*Murray County Medical
Center*

Annaka

*Murray County Medical
Center*

Abby

*Slayton Police
Department*

Samantha

Investors Choice



Acres Of Opportunity

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COUNTY**

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M I N N E S O T A

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JASMINE

Cyber Operations

Dakota State University -
Madison, SD



MURRAY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Slayton, MN

Murray County Medical Center is a community-focused healthcare facility providing high-quality care and essential medical services in Slayton, MN. In addition to clinical roles, they also support careers in medical billing, IT, and administration—playing a vital role in both healthcare and local employment.

Jasmine is passionate about cybersecurity and dreams of combining her tech career with travel. Her internship at MCMC has given her valuable, real-world insight into cybersecurity—a field where hands-on opportunities are often limited. This experience has confirmed her interest in the industry and strengthened her career goals.

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ABBI

Nursing Student

University of South Dakota



MURRAY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Slayton, MN

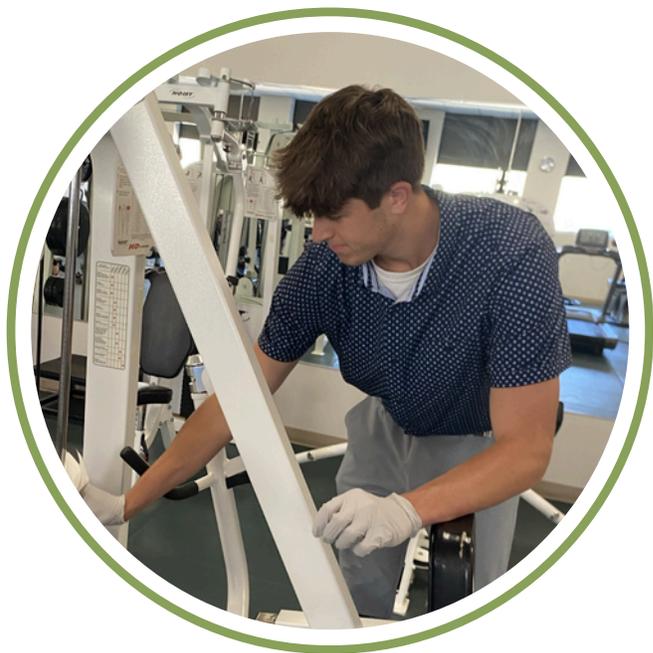
Murray County Medical Center in Slayton, MN, is a full-service healthcare facility offering a wide range of medical services. Committed to quality care, the center employs professionals in both clinical and administrative roles to serve the needs of the community

“Abbigail has been fun to have within multiple departments. We’ve learned how to create a rewarding experience for both the intern and our staff.”

— Monica VanOtterloo, MCMC

Abbi is pursuing a career in nursing with plans to work in an ICU and later become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). Her internship has provided valuable hands-on experience and affirmed her passion for the nursing field. She’s appreciated the supportive environment and the chance to explore various nursing roles.

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CHRISTIAN

*Biology Major - Specialization
in Human Dynamics,
Psychology Minor*
University of South Dakota



MURRAY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Slayton, MN

Murray County Medical Center's Physical Therapy Department provides inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services to help patients regain mobility and improve their quality of life. Outpatient care is provided at their Main Street clinic, while inpatient services are offered at the hospital in Slayton.

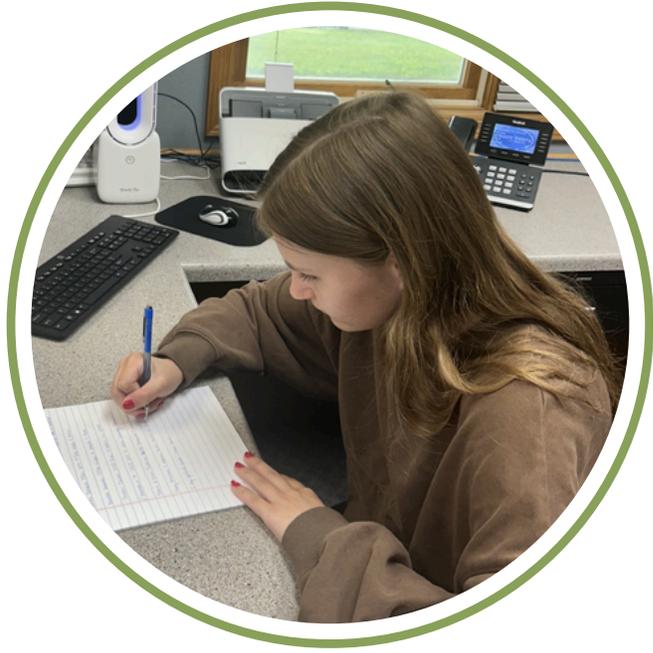
"This internship is great because it helps me connect with people in my community, which I find special."

— Christian

"Christian has been a real help in our department, assisting with tasks that support quality patient care. This program is beneficial for all involved—offering a meaningful experience for students and helping small hospitals build connections with future healthcare professionals."

— Mark Boerboom, PT

MURRAY COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



ABBY

Criminology Major
South Dakota State University



SLAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Slayton, MN

The Slayton Police Department is committed to public safety and community engagement. Officers enforce local laws, respond to emergencies, and build trust with residents to maintain a safe and secure environment. Common roles include police officers and community law enforcement personnel.

“I’ve been able to learn new things about town, drive around and help with ordinances, learn about squad cars, and how to give out citations.”

– Abby Hieb

Abby is preparing for a future in law enforcement, with goals to become a police officer and eventually a detective. Her internship has given her real-world exposure to police work, including ordinance enforcement, patrol duties, and the use of squad cars and citation procedures.

MURRAY COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



DILLON

*Business Economics (Major)
Land Valuation & Rural Real
Estate (Minor)*
South Dakota State University

NOBLES COUNTY COOPERATIVE

Slayton, MN

Nobles Cooperative Electric is a member-owned utility company providing electricity to local residents and businesses. As a cooperative, it is owned by the people it serves and offers career opportunities ranging from administrative staff to field linemen and electricians.

Dillon is beginning his college journey at SDSU with an interest in blending business and rural development. His internship at Nobles Cooperative Electric has given him valuable exposure to real-world business operations and insights into the energy industry. The skills and knowledge he's gaining are helping him lay a strong foundation for his academic and professional future.



Nobles Cooperative
Electric

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SIMON

Bible Theology Major
Asbury University - Kentucky



SOLID ROCK CHURCH

Fulda, MN

Solid Rock Church is a Pentecostal congregation that meets weekly at the Fulda High School gym. Deeply rooted in community outreach, the church shares Christ's love through worship, service, and care. Staff roles typically include head pastor, youth pastor, children's pastor, secretary, and ministry support.

"It's been great mentoring someone the way I wish I was mentored. Simon has been a huge help in so many areas. I didn't realize how beneficial this experience would be—I'm thankful for the opportunity."

— John Nau, Solid Rock Church

Simon is preparing for a future in ministry, with a goal to become a youth pastor and eventually lead a small church. His internship has helped him grow in communication, leadership, and time management. He's embraced new challenges and gained insight into the daily responsibilities of church leadership.

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ANNAKA

*Business Administration with
an emphasis in Marketing*
Dordt University



MURRAY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

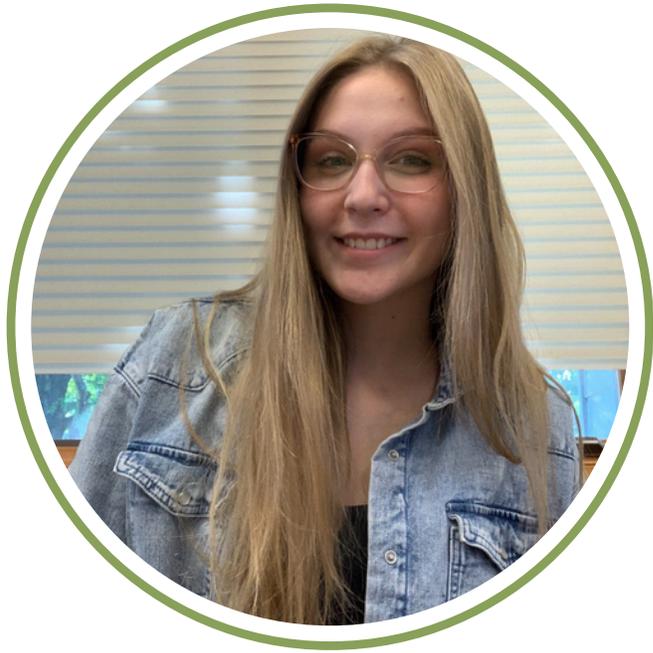
Slayton, MN

Murray County Medical Center (MCMC) in Slayton, Minnesota, is a critical access hospital dedicated to providing compassionate healthcare. It offers a variety of job opportunities in both clinical and administrative fields.

“We’ve loved participating in the SWMNPIC Internship each summer. It’s a great way for students to gain real experience and learn about local job opportunities,”
– Briana Solheum, Marketing Director at MCMC.

During her internship, Annaka has gained hands-on marketing experience and discovered an interest in healthcare administration. She describes the experience as positive and insightful.

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SAMANTHA

Business Management

INVESTORS CHOICE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Slayton, MN

Investors Choice Financial Services provides financial guidance to help clients manage their money and plan for the future. Career opportunities include administrative positions and roles that support client services and financial advising.

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Choice**
Financial Services Inc.

“Throughout this journey, it has taught me so much about marketing and what goes into the small things when it comes to business and this career.”

– Samantha Schreier

Samantha’s internship has been filled with valuable learning experiences that have supported her personal and professional growth. One highlight was working on a marketing project for Investors Choice’s 30th anniversary, which gave her insight into the details and planning involved in running a business. While her future plans include moving closer to home, she’s excited to build a career around whatever inspires her most.

THE BANQUET



On August 5, 2025, interns, host site representatives, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council staff, and Murray County Commissioners gathered to celebrate the conclusion of the first year of the Swift County Summer Internship Program. It was a meaningful opportunity to reflect on a summer of growth, connection, and career exploration.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the celebration, and best of luck to our interns as they return to their universities for the upcoming academic year!

