Global Competencies Program
Equipping You for Success and Upward Mobility in the International Labor Market
TWC’s new program is designed for high performing seniors, recent college graduates or students currently enrolled in graduate school. Recognizing current needs and a skills gap in the world labor force, TWC’s new Global Competencies Program is a cutting-edge forum that will give you the skills, experience and expertise you need to succeed in a competitive international labor market.

The program will equip you with powerful skills and tools to increase your employability chances at top jobs and expand your opportunities for upward career mobility. Program participation will help you shorten the learning curve while benefiting you and your employers, resulting in a win-win situation.

**Program Components**

- **Internship**: You will intern at your assigned internship site four days per week. Time spent at your internship site will help you gain professional experience, a competitive edge in the job market and present you with networking opportunities. Internship sites will serve as a platform for the direct application of the skills you will develop throughout the program. Internship supervisors will be made aware of your assignments and requirements and will contribute to your professional journey each week.

- **Accelerated Career Track Sessions**: You will meet for three hours per week to receive training on core professional competencies. These sessions will provide you with a competitive advantage and enhance your work performance.

- **Professional Coaching Sessions**: Throughout the semester, you will receive one-on-one coaching to further build on your newly developed skills and strategize about your career path. Individual coaching will take place four times, with each session spanning 30 minutes.

**Sample Accelerated Career Track Sessions**

- Harnessing Professional Etiquette
- Managing Transitions & Culture Shock
- Project Management
- Managing Up
- Emotional Intelligence (EQ)
- Career Visioning & Purpose
- Navigating Organizational Dynamics
- Communicating Value/Creating a Personal Brand
- Developing Your Community/Professional Network
- Leveraging Your Strengths for Teamwork/Cross-Functional Capacity
- Enhancing Teamwork/Problem-Solving/Innovative Thinking/Cross-Cultural Communication Skills
- Giving & Receiving Feedback
- Handling Challenging Conversations
- Change Management
- Exploring Multi-Generational Work Dynamic
- Developing Career Strategy Plan
Program Learning Objectives:
- Develop an understanding of the global and executive competencies that are essential to succeed in the workforce and recognize the correlation between those competencies and upward career mobility.
- Incorporate the skills and tools learned through the interactive workshops in a real world environment, particularly at your internship, and comprehend how this experience will impact your work performance.
- Obtain the right tools and guidance to build a strong Career Strategy Plan to direct your career trajectory.

Support Mechanisms:
- **Global Competencies Framework Toolkit:** including all the concepts, competency frameworks and tools from each session
- **Communication Journey:** guiding each participant’s progress throughout the program
- **Schoology:** managing all program resources and additional networking opportunities through an online learning management system
- **Site Visits By Program Staff:** ensuring each participant is applying learned skills and achieving progress at their internship.

Cost of Participation
- Please contact internationalinfo@twc.edu for program fees.
- J-1 visa sponsorship included in program fee.

Advantages of Using TWC Housing:
- Guaranteed accommodations
- Avoid the stress of arranging a short-term contract
- Housing is fully furnished
- Easy access to internship and local resources via Metro or bus
- Available assistance, 24 hours a day provided by professional alumni in residence
- Community environment for living and interacting with fellow interns
- **Housing Fee:** $5,820/ 15 week semester

Important Dates and Deadlines

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How to Apply

Recent Graduates or Students Currently Enrolled in Graduate School Application Components:
Please fill out TWC’s Application by visiting www.twc.edu and clicking on “Apply Now.”
- One-page Resume (US-style)
- 500-word Issues Essay
- TOEFL iBT Score: 80+ (or equivalent English language exam e.g. IELTS, TOEIC)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (in English)
- Official Transcript from university showing a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- Copy of a valid passport
- Deposit of $250 (due upon acceptance into the program and applied towards the program fee; non-refundable)

University Seniors Application Components:
- University seniors (final year of undergraduate) must be first nominated by one of TWC's partner institutions to start the application process.
- Please e-mail internationalinfo@twc.edu for more information.
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Sample Internship Placement Sites

Arts, Education and Humanities
- United Way Worldwide
- Save the Children
- Smithsonian Associates

Business, Economics and Trade
- Amber Road
- Entrepreneurs’ Organization
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- Private consulting firms

International Affairs
- Empowered Women International
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Organization of American States
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice
- Office of the Attorney General for D.C.
- Mil Mujeres Legal Services
- Private law offices

Media and Communications
- Epic PR Group
- Double R Productions
- Voice of America

Politics
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Democratic National Committee
- The Brookings Institution
- Capitol Hill

Health, Science and Environment
- STEMConnector
- Pan American Health Organization
- Ecological Society of America
- Securing Water for Food

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