

CARS TALK: SUMMER INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

Location:	Lakeview 1104
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A 'Wild' Summer at the American Board of Surgery"

Autumn Wild

This summer, I had the opportunity to work as the Psychometric Intern at the American Board of Surgery (ABS). In this talk, I'll share a bit about what the ABS does, walk you through the application and interview process, and highlight some key aspects from my internship experience. I'll also discuss how I applied what I've learned at JMU during the internship. Along the way, I'll reflect on what I discovered about myself as a professional and what I learned about the field—insights that have helped shape my vision for the future.

Exploring the Landscape of Higher Education Assessment: My Summer Internship Experience

Riley Herr

In this presentation, I will discuss my Summer 2025 doctoral internship with the Center for Leading Improvements in Higher Education. My work involved examining the current landscape of professional development offerings related to higher education assessment and improvement in the U.S. To accomplish this, I developed and implemented protocols for semi-structured interviews with members of the Center's inaugural National Advisory Board, as well as conducted a competitive intelligence analysis of national associations and organizations serving assessment professionals. I analyzed and synthesized findings from these efforts to identify emerging trends, highlight future needs, and provide actionable recommendations to support the Center's mission. This internship not only deepened my understanding of the assessment and improvement field but also allowed me to contribute to national conversations about advancing professional practice in higher education.

Clusters Here, Clusters There, Clusters Everywhere: A Cluster Analysis Approach to Blueprinting

Josiah Hunsberger

This summer, I was an Intern with the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) in Johns Creek, Georgia. In this talk, I'll share my internship experience: how the project came together, who I collaborated with, and what we built over eight weeks using NLP and clustering to support PANRE-LA blueprinting.

Detecting Disengagement in Personalized Instruction: My Summer with Curriculum Associates

Kelsey Nason

Over the summer, I designed and executed a research project exploring detection methods for disengagement with online, personalized instruction modules for K-6 students. In this presentation, I will walk through the project's inception and results as well as skills I used during my internship that I learned through the A&M program at JMU.