



Pathways into Professional Needlearts (PiPN) 2010— Summer Scholar Program

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Please note: PiPN 2010 student opportunities and requirements have been modified. The program has been divided into three “Routes” — each offering a different pathway into our industry.

Route #1 PiPN Scholar:

These students, who come from colleges all over the country, are enrolled in a PiPN Summer Scholar Program currently being offered at the University of Akron. As in the past, this program includes two segments, both held only in the summer. The first part is a 3 credit hour, hands on course in all the needlearts techniques, history and industry. The second is a separate 3 credit hour course consisting of the 8 weeklong, on-site internship with a host company. The first class is a pre-requisite for the internship at the University of Akron*.

Students participating in this program, receive a well-rounded view of the industry and a good working knowledge of the different needlearts techniques.

*We are currently exploring initiating the scholar program at other universities.

Route #2 Student Intern:

Students from any college may now apply to be PiPN interns without being required to attend a hands-on course at any given college. These interns receive credits from and must follow the requirements as stated by their own colleges.

Students may or may not have knowledge of any or all the needlearts. These students may be available during other terms throughout the year. Student interns must present a letter of participation from the host company in order to be permitted to attend trade shows or participate in the PiPN Alumnae Group.

Route #3 Apprentice:

These applicants are not enrolled in a college or university. They may not currently have a professional needlearts business, but must be interested in acquiring the skills necessary to enter the industry as a professional.

These people are not responsible for answering to any college or university. They may also be available throughout the year. Apprentices must present a letter of participation from the host company in order to be permitted to attend trade shows or participate in the PiPN Alumnae Group.

If you are applying for Route #1 PiPN Summer Scholar Program:

Host Requirements	Student Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each company must complete the PiPN Host application, and agree to the PiPN guidelines and expectations. • Each company will designate a supervisor/mentor responsible for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct supervision of the intern ○ Ensuring a complete experience ○ Developing the initial intern “contract”* ○ 2 short evaluations at designated times during the internship* • Work schedules to be developed by intern and supervisor, with emphasis on flexibility. • In case of any issues with an intern, host company will contact the PiPN Coordinator to intervene as necessary. <p>*A complete internship package including this information, as well as additional student projects and requirements will be supplied to both the intern and the supervisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host companies are urged to provide housing and/or a wage or stipend for their intern if possible. <p>Participation in PiPN can be costly for students. They are responsible for tuition, as well as additional fees. We encourage host companies to help defray these expenses by offering either a place to stay (must be a room with a private bath) and/or a wage or stipend.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students must apply and be accepted into the University of Akron. • Preference is given to those with 2.5 minimum grade point and in good standing. • Students should be juniors or seniors. • Students must demonstrate experience and/or education in 2 out of 3 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Textiles and/or fiber arts and/or needlearts ○ Design ○ Business • All students enrolling in the 3 credit hour, on-site internship experience must also be enrolled in or have already taken the 3 credit-hour class at the University of Akron. • Students are responsible for tuition, application fees and other University of Akron assessments. (More information is available through the university.) • Non-traditional students may apply but must register and pay all appropriate fees. • Students must comply with all host company policies and procedures. • Students must complete all requirements for acceptance into the PiPN Alumnae Group. • Maximum of 25 students accepted.

If you are applying for Route #2 PiPN Student Intern:

Host companies’ requirements and responsibilities are the same as above except for the student internship packet from the University of Akron. Hosts may be asked to complete other student requirements as designated by intern’s college.

Students are responsible for

- Registering with PiPN and submitting a complete application and \$25 registration fee.
- Conveying and completing all internship requirements as designated by their individual schools.
- Complying with all company policies and procedures.

If you are applying for Route #3 Apprentice:

Host companies’ requirements and responsibilities are the same as above except for the student internship packet. Please note, it is reasonable to request apprentices sign a noncompete, confidentiality agreement.

Apprentices are also responsible for

- Registering with PiPN and submitting a complete application and \$25 registration fee.
- Complying with all company policies and procedures.

**PiPN Summer Scholar Program 2010
at the University of Akron, Akron OH**

Program Schedule

May 31, 2010 — June 18, 2010 **3-week, intense workshop focusing on needlearts history, basic skills in all 5 disciplines, industry issues and professional opportunities**

- Students receive 3 hours credit
- Workshops to be held at The University of Akron, Akron OH
- Instructors: Dr. Catherine Leslie, Dr. Sandra Buckland, Dr. Teena Jennings-Rentennar, TNNA staff and Sherry Mulne, PiPN Coordinator

June 11 and 12, 2010 **TNNA June NeedleArts Market Trade Show
Columbus, OH**

- Interns and apprentices are encouraged to attend the Fashion Show and Needlepoint Group event on Friday, the 11th.
- June 12th: Show floor opens. PiPN participants may wander as they please, or work with their host companies
- Interns may not purchase from show vendors.
- TNNA will provide a \$50 voucher for each intern to be applied to hotel accommodations.
- Please note: Route #2 interns and Route #3 apprentices must submit a letter of participation from their host companies to attend any TNNA show.

June 21 — August 13, 2010 **8-week on-site internships**

- Students receive an additional 3 hours credit
- Interns are expected to fulfill the following
 - Maintain a minimum of 20 hours/week (expectation of full time hours)
 - Learn a wide variety of management skills through hands-on experiences and activities. These should include: Merchandising, Marketing, Promotions, Sales, Design, Inventory control, and Customer service. Etc., etc., etc.
 - Completion of standardized internship packet compiled by Dr. Sandra Buckland
 - Development of final project specific to company's and/or industry's needs