## ParaLife Internship Program

## 26-Week Scheduling Program

## Internship Structure:

- Duration: 26 Weeks
- Daily Commitment: 6 Hours
- On-the-Job Learning, Mentorship, & Field Assessments

## Scheduling Internship Lesson Plan

Phase 1: Scheduling Fundamentals & Optimization (Weeks 1-6)

- Week 1: Introduction to scheduling roles and responsibilities
  - Understanding scheduling software and systems
  - Learning industry best practices for scheduling efficiency
  - Field observation: Shadowing a senior scheduler
- Week 2: Workforce planning and demand forecasting
  - Understanding workforce availability and shift rotations
  - Balancing efficiency and service demand
  - Field task: Assisting with real-time shift adjustments
- Week 3: Hands-on scheduling simulations and software training
  - Creating basic shift schedules
  - Practicing real-time schedule modifications
  - Field task: Handling minor schedule adjustments under supervision
- Week 4: Managing last-minute changes and high-demand periods
  - Conflict resolution strategies for scheduling issues
  - Adjusting to emergency situations in real-time
  - Field task: Managing live scheduling conflicts
- Week 5: Introduction to compliance and labor laws in scheduling

- Understanding legal regulations for work shifts
- Hands-on review of scheduling policies
- Field task: Ensuring compliance in real-world scheduling scenarios
- Week 6: Mid-program assessment and performance review
  - Reviewing progress and identifying improvement areas
  - $_{\odot}$   $\,$  Field task: Conducting a full scheduling shift under supervision

Phase 2: Advanced Scheduling Strategies (Weeks 7-12)

- Week 7: Handling complex scheduling needs and multiple job roles
  - Assigning multiple positions per shift
  - Balancing workload across teams
  - Field task: Creating a schedule for a multi-department team
- Week 8: Data-driven scheduling improvements
  - Using analytics to identify inefficiencies
  - $_{\odot}$  Forecasting peak service times and adjusting schedules accordingly
  - Field task: Presenting a data-driven scheduling improvement plan
- Week 9: Coordinating schedules between dispatchers, drivers, and clients
  - Communicating effectively between departments
  - Hands-on practice in real-world coordination
  - Field task: Managing a multi-party scheduling challenge
- Week 10: Managing workforce constraints and optimizing scheduling gaps
  - Handling absenteeism and sudden workforce shortages
  - Field task: Creating backup staffing plans
- Week 11: Real-world scheduling case studies
  - Reviewing successful and failed scheduling models
  - Learning from industry best practices
  - Field task: Implementing an improved scheduling strategy

- Week 12: Mid-program evaluation and real-world implementation
  - Assessing scheduling efficiency improvements
  - Field task: Running an entire shift independently

Phase 3: Complex Scheduling Scenarios & Problem Solving (Weeks 13-18)

- Week 13: High-demand transportation scheduling
  - Managing multiple high-priority routes
  - Field task: Creating a high-traffic scheduling plan
- Week 14: Emergency rescheduling and demand forecasting
  - Adjusting schedules for last-minute emergencies
  - Field task: Implementing real-time schedule changes
- Week 15: AI-based scheduling tools and efficiency strategies
  - Leveraging automation for better scheduling
  - Field task: Testing an Al-driven scheduling tool
- Week 16: Cost-effectiveness in scheduling decisions
  - Budgeting and resource allocation strategies
  - Field task: Creating an optimized budget-driven schedule
- Week 17: Real-time adjustments and efficiency tracking
  - Managing schedules during service disruptions
  - Field task: Identifying efficiency gaps and proposing solutions
- Week 18: Independent scheduling assessment and performance review
  - $\circ$  Managing a full day of scheduling with minimal supervision
  - Field task: Preparing a scheduling efficiency report

Phase 4: Extended Training & Fieldwork (Weeks 19-24)

- Week 19-20: Independent scheduling shifts with review
  - Handling full scheduling shifts solo
  - Field task: Evaluating performance and areas for improvement

- Week 21-22: Managing peak service hours and seasonal scheduling adjustments
  - Creating effective schedules for seasonal changes
  - Field task: Preparing a holiday scheduling plan
- Week 23-24: Final scheduling mentorship and review
  - Receiving final feedback from mentors
  - Field task: Implementing efficiency improvements in real-time scheduling

Phase 5: Final Assessment & Certification (Weeks 25-26)

- Week 25: Running an independent full scheduling shift
  - Managing shift assignments and modifications solo
  - Field task: Managing real-time scheduling adjustments
- Week 26: Certification exam, final project, and job placement review
  - Presenting a scheduling optimization plan
  - Final evaluation from senior scheduling professionals

**Completion & Certification:** 

Upon successfully completing the internship, each intern will receive:

- A Certificate of Completion
- A performance review summary
- Potential job placement opportunities within ParaLife