



## Avizo Internship Experience: Advice from an Intern who Became an Employee

### BECOMING AN ACCOUNTANT

When I started my spring internship at Avizo, Dennis Sherrin (the Managing Shareholder) shared the details of a discussion he had shortly after earning his degree and beginning his first job. His boss congratulated him on his recent achievement and said that they, as a firm, would now teach him how to be an accountant.

Though college teaches its constituents a great deal about the rules and essence of accounting, the real learning begins as you walk through the doors on the first day of internship. Applying strategies to hypothetical situations in coursework did not prepare me as much as I thought. Here are the tips I've learned through my time as an intern, and now full-time employee.



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Trust your knowledge but also be willing to ask for guidance when needed.



Find a firm that embraces technology. There are a lot of programs to learn, but it makes for a more efficient & organized work experience.



Dress well & arrive on time. These may seem insignificant to the larger picture, but it shows a respect for your colleagues & job.



Read, listen to podcasts, or even watch videos to stay up-to-date with your field and grasp a well-rounded understanding.



Review your work. It helps you avoid mistakes and learn how to be better equipped in the future.



Try to not take constructive criticism negatively. Use it to build knowledge for future tasks.



Build relationships. Your colleagues are the ones you will seek guidance from and interact with daily.



Always look for new tasks; you're there to learn. Everything you're asked to do is beneficial regardless of how minute it may seem.