

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to you today in response to DevelopmentNow's posting for an internship position on the Epicodus website. After looking over the company website and the posting, I found an article about Clutch.co's recent rating of DevelopmentNow as one of the top mobile application firms in Portland. The information I read in these and other sources show your company as one that supports innovative work of the highest quality, lifelong learning for its employees, and diversity in its own workplace and beyond. I would love to work as an intern for DevelopmentNow. I would bring with me a great foundation of knowledge in best practices I have gained through attending a fulltime vocational program at Epicodus, additional coursework at Portland Community College in Information Systems towards a post-baccalaureate, and being an active part in the tech community here in Portland. I hope to build a great career upon this knowledge.

Before attending Epicodus, I had a very successful track record in customer service, with a technical focus. Part of what led me to excel in this work were my abilities to enter every interaction with empathy, to be able to switch my communication style and vocabulary as appropriate to the situation and the customer's level of understanding, and to solve complex issues. This position was with one of the largest mobile communications companies in the country and I was able to gain a wealth of knowledge about mobile devices and operating systems during my time there.

While I was very successful in my previous work and enjoyed helping others, I felt the need to do something more. I began to look at software development as a way to tap into my intellectual curiosity, love of logic, and self-driven desire to succeed. I tried a few online tutorials and could not get enough. My family and friends could see a change in me, I had found my passion. Before long I was enrolled in Epicodus. The time spent there has taught me so much, not just the ability to write code but to be able to understand it and look at my work in different ways, to challenge myself to follow best practices, and to correctly use workflow tools such as Github and Trello to manage projects and collaborate in an effective, supportive way. In turn I have begun to educate myself in project management strategies such as Agile and SCRUM to become the best programmer I can be. I feel prepared not just to make a cool app but to pursue a career in software development. I have also become more involved in the community, taking an active role in the PDX Ruby Brigade and Free Code Camp Meetup Groups as I like to give back to the community that has been very supportive of my growth.

Thank you for your time reviewing my application. I hope that you will see me as a top candidate for this position due to my education in web development, my customer focused work history, and my personal traits of adaptability, creativity, and stress management. I look forward for the opportunity to talk more about this position and what I could bring to your company.

Sincerely,

Brian Grant