

Dear Brian,

I am writing to you to apply for the intern position with Recentia Health, offered to Epicodus students. I am very excited about this opportunity to gain valuable experience working in the health care technology and application development space. From the internship posting and what I have read on Angellist, LinkedIn, and other resources I see your company in a position to really tap into this market and connect health care institutions to talented developers. I would love to work in this space and learn all I can about designing user experiences and how to turn big data into an actionable product. I feel both my educational and work experiences will make me a top candidate for this position.

I will take a brief moment here to relate some of my past experiences to your company's work before I dive into my development skills and experience. First I hold a B.A. in Anthropology from a top public institution, the University of Vermont. Studying human culture and interaction in both its lowest and highest level of abstraction gives me a background of knowledge in human cognition and cross-cultural communication, important topics for user experience builders. After school I participated in a year-long AmeriCorps placement, which gave me a crash course in time management, professional communication, and collaboration with a small team. Later, as a top ranked technical support representative, I tested my abilities to understand and interpret client needs, prioritize tasks, and communicate technical knowledge in an understandable way. Working for a mobile communications company I also gained a unique insight into some of the pain points in mobile user experiences.

While I was very successful in technical support and loved working with people, I found myself wanting to do something more. Development work presented itself as an answer where I could combine my interest in human interaction, love of learning, and desire to help build our technological future. At Epicodus, I have been following a track based in Ruby on Rails and JavaScript I have built applications that follow current best practices, including the use of JavaScript MVC frameworks (Ember, Angular 2), encrypted authentication, and RESTful routing. JobMate, my capstone project in Ruby on Rails is a great example of this work and can be found through my LinkedIn. This project provides a job application tracking database, and connects to IBM's Watson API to provide machine learning based insights to a job seeker. My time in school has also exposed me to workflow and project management tools and concepts including Git as version control, AGILE development, pair programming, and test driven development. I have also sought out ways to be more involved in the tech community, taking an active role in a few local meetups. I am participating in Digital Ocean's Hacktoberfest, pledging to make 4 pull requests to open source projects this month and I will be joining the next session of HackOregon. I'm very excited about this chance to help the city of Portland by contributing on a project team and to be learning to build APIs as part of their education program.

Thank you so much for your time and for opening this opportunity. I look forward to talking more about the intern role and my skills and qualifications.

Sincerely,

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