Work-Based Learning Placement Categories

There are two different opportunities for WBL students to participate in a work-site placement. These include Internship, and Cooperative Education.

Learn while you earn!

How Can You Help?

Is your business willing to hire or host a student for WBL experience? We are looking for businesses and individuals who are committed to providing quality learning experiences for our students. If you're interested in becoming a partner site, contact Deborah Ward.

WBL Program Areas

- Forestry/Wildlife Systems
- Horticulture/Mechanical Systems
- Plant and Landscape Systems
  - Carpentry
  - Electrical
  - Welding
- Audio-Video Technology & Film
  - Graphic Communication
  - Graphic Design
  - Entrepreneurship
- Business and Technology
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Business Accounting
- Therapeutic Services/Allied Health and Medicine
- Therapeutic Services/Patient Care
- Therapeutic Services/Sports Medicine
  - Culinary Arts
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing
  - Food and Nutrition
  - Personal Care Services—Cosmetology
- Law Enforcement Services/Forensic Science
- Fashion, Merchandising and Retail Management
- Engineering Drafting & Design
- Engineering and Technology
- Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair
  - JROTC
- Cyber Security

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Learning to Work—Working to Learn!

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What is Work-Based Learning?

WBL is a structured program that connects school-based occupational instruction and related work-site experiences. In essence, it is an extension of the school-based curriculum at the workplace!

The program prepares students with academic and job skills necessary to be successful in their chosen career, while at the same time meeting the needs of local businesses.

WBL is designed to provide employers with qualified employees. Students are exposed to a wide range of general and specific workplace knowledge and competencies through the WBL experience. The ultimate goal is to better prepare students for future career opportunities. **WBL is a win-win situation for employers and students!**

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**Key Benefits to Participants**

**For Employers**
- Offers a source of skilled and motivated future employees
- Provides an opportunity to prepare and train future employees
- Reduces the costs associated with recruitment and training
- Improves employee retention
- Offers an opportunity to provide community services
- Increases employee visibility in the educational community
- Encourages involvement in the curriculum development process

**For Students**
- Increases connection between school and work
- Provides opportunities to explore possible career fields of interests
- Gives a realistic view of specific career fields
- Helps to develop workplace responsibility, positive attitude, and work habits
- Offers opportunities for leadership development
- Improves post-graduation job prospects
- Promotes student interaction with adults in a work-based learning setting
- Encourages the pursuit of education after high school

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**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

- Parental approval
- Must have completed a CTAE pathway or be enrolled in the 3rd class of the pathway which relates to the student's career objective
- Good attendance
- Good academic record and on track for graduation
- Good discipline record
- Reliable transportation to and from the work site
- Age 16 or older; classified as a junior or senior
- Good attitude
- Good grooming habits
- Teacher recommendation
- COMPLETION OF WBL APPLICATION

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