

SCHOOL TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: CAREER FOCUSED EDUCATION

The school-to-careers program is an opportunity for students to experience a career interest area and gain valuable work experience during the high school years. There is a work experience opportunity available for every career and every student. The following are available:

CO-OP (Cooperative Education)

0.5 or more credits, grades 11-12

Pre or Co-requisite: Courses relative to specific co-op

Cooperative Education must be a paid work experience providing students with an opportunity to work in a career interest area while gaining valuable work experience and career development skills. CO-OP incorporates related classroom instruction with field experience under the direction of a certified school-to-work coordinator. Students are required to work a minimum of 10 hours per week and must be at least 16 years of age. Students must work in accordance with all state and federal laws. CO-OP is available to students enrolled in a vocational course: Automotive, CAD, Accounting, Business Management, Face-to-Face, Marketing, Parenting.

INTERNSHIP

0.5 or more credits, grades 11-12

Pre or Co-requisite: Courses relative to specific internship

The Internship program is a work experience opportunity that allows students to earn elective credit, while working in a job that relates to your career interest. This program provides an opportunity for students to gain work experience relative to a career goal, in addition to learning the academic and occupational skills required for the job. Students can earn up to one credit per term doing an internship. The internship may be paid or unpaid. Students are required to work a minimum of 7 hours per week (per half credit) and must be at least 16 years of age. They must work in accordance with all state and federal laws. A training agreement is required.

JOB SHADOWING

No credit, grades 9-12

Job Shadowing is a great way to explore a career before actually beginning the academic preparation. It's an opportunity to spend a day observing a career of your choice. The experience will provide students with valuable information about a particular career early in the career development process. Very often things are different than they are perceived. This opportunity can ensure that career preparation is moving in the right direction, saving valuable time and effort.