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SUCCESS !!



Experiential Education at BCTC!

Co-op Internship Practicum

A Three-Way Partnership of

> Student + College + Employer



WHAT IS EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION?

Cooperative & Internship Education at Bluegrass Community & Technical College is an educational strategy that integrates classroom learning with 'real world' work experience, paid or unpaid, in an area related to a student's career goals and/or major. They are the components of Experiential Education.

HOW DO CO-OP, INTERNSHIP, & PRACTICUM WORK?

Experiential Education provides college course credit **plus** real work experience **plus** an excellent addition to the student's resume. It serves as a source of motivation for learning and provides another way for the student to derive greater educational value from his/her college work. Learning objectives formulated by the student with the guidance of a faculty advisor and the program coordinator affirm the relevance of the classroom experience in relation to the work.

The work experience serves as a laboratory for problem solving based on classroom theory. It is not, however, a substitute for classroom work. When offered in conjunction with classroom learning, it creates a synergistic effect. This dynamic interaction assists both the student and the organization in assessing future projects.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION?

Numerous benefits accrue from these programs for students, employers and the College.

- In terms of both immediate and long -term company or organizational needs, experiential education is a sound management decision that provides a constant flow of talent and manpower into the organization.
- Students after graduation will have both a degree and practical experience to offer a potential employer.
- It enables Bluegrass Community & Technical College to become directly involved with employers and the community.

CRITERIA FOR EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION -

Any employer will be welcome to participate in the Experiential Education Program who can provide one or more full-time or part-time positions, that meet the following requirements:

The job must provide experience in an area compatible with one of the programs offered by Bluegrass Community & Technical College.

- The responsibilities of the position should provide meaningful and challenging work to the student.
- The position should provide enough challenging work for the student to be employed for one full semester.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS (Paid, real-world work/learning experience)

- 80 hours of work per credit hour
- Alpha/Numeric Grading
- Architectural Technology
- Business Office Technology
- Computer Information Technology
- Engineering Technology
- Environmental Science
- Information Management & Design

INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM PROGRAMS (Usually unpaid, realworld work/learning experience)

- 40 hours of work per credit hour
- P/F grading
- Transfer students
- Non-degree students
- Pre-Baccalaureate students
- Post-Baccalaureate students
- Students seeking new career path
- All other majors not included in Co-op.