Experiential Education at BCTC!

Co-op
Internship
Practicum

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A Three-Way Partnership of

Student
+ College
+ Employer

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!!

SUCCESS !!
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.

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.

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, real-world 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.