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"I really learned a lot from Work Experience and I am now absolutely certain that I have made a good decision regarding my future career."

"Work Experience gave me a chance to gain valuable life experience."

"Being workplace safety trained was a definite asset in finding employment!"

- Student testimonials

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Work Experience Program • Unique Opportunities Registered Apprenticeship Program (R.A.P)

Program Objectives

- To explore potential careers
- To earn high school credits
- To learn about necessary skills required to enter the workforce
- To gain new transferable skills from experience in the workplace
- To understand both employee and employer expectations and responsibilities
- Resumé building

Work Experience Program

Work Experience is an educational strategy **NOT** a job placement program.

It provides students with prerequisite job safety training and opportunities to reflect and learn from employment or volunteer positions. Students who are currently employed or volunteer, more than three hours a week may use their positions for the Work Experience program. Students not currently working or volunteering may make an appointment with our Career Practitioner to find employment or volunteer opportunities.

Credits are based on the number of hours at the worksite.

25 hours of work = 1 credit Maximum credits available = 35 credits

Unique Opportunities

We partner with a variety of businesses and non-profit organizations to offer unique opportunities that combine learning with career experiences. Unique opportunities are available to CBE high school students and are continually added throughout the year.

These learning opportunities fall into a number of different categories:

Dual Credit

- Internships
- Exploratory Programs
- Multi-disciplinary

Registered Apprenticeship Program (R.A.P.)

The RAP is a unique program that gives students the opportunity to pursue an apprenticeship in one of **over 53 Alberta designated trades** while also completing their high school diploma. The goal for students is to achieve the first full year of required apprenticeship hours by graduation. Up to 40 high school credits can be earned through RAP. Students should begin this program in the summer after their Grade 10 year, although it is possible to begin the program in the summer of their Grade 11 year.



Learn more | Students or parents with questions about the programs outlined above should see Mr. Smith in the Tech Centre or send him an e-mail at bgsmith@cbe.ab.ca for more information.

