



Students explore careers at Con-Edison

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Sample Co-Op Opportunities

Students in the Cooperative Work Experience Program can apply for a variety of paid and unpaid internships, a valuable opportunity to employ their knowledge and skills in real-world careers. Below is a sample of programs accepting high school students as interns:

- ◆ Columbia University LEEFS Program
- ◆ The New York Aquarium
- ◆ The Nature Conservancy LEAF Program
- ◆ Roger Williams Marine Bio Summer Camp
- ◆ Wildlife Conservation Society

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Career & Technical Education Cooperative Work Experience Program (CO-OP)



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What is Work-Based Learning?

Work-based learning (WBL) is the “umbrella” term used to identify activities which collaboratively engage employers and schools in providing structured learning experiences for students. These experiences focus on assisting students develop broad, transferable skills for postsecondary education and the workplace. A quality WBL program can make school-based learning more relevant by providing students with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to real world situations.

What is Co-Op?

The Cooperative Career & Technical Education Work Experience Program is a work-based learning program for students age 16 and above, consisting of 150 to 600 hours of paid, school-supervised work experience, supported by related in-school instruction in a specific career & technical discipline. Students may earn ½ to 2 units of credit towards a CTE sequence, depending upon the specific sequence.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/wbl/>



Benefits to students

- ◆ Connect the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom with relevant supervised work experience.
- ◆ Explore career paths
- ◆ Arm students with the necessary abilities
 - ◇ 21st Century Skills
 - ◇ Transferable Skills
 - ◇ Workplace Skills
- ◆ Create a Workforce Ready Citizen
- ◆ Increase Computer and Financial Literacy
- ◆ Provide students with job seeking skills such as how to fill out a job application, develop a resume, write a cover letter, perform successfully during an interview, etc.
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Student gains hands-on experience in a DNA lab



Secretary Arne Duncan visits New York Harbor School

Benefits to the school

- ◆ Enriches Curriculum
- ◆ Provides access to the latest equipment & technology
- ◆ Education more relevant
- ◆ Promotes interaction with business community
- ◆ Academic & Career and Technical Education Curricula Up-To-Date
- ◆ Increases Student Retention
- ◆ Educational Proficiencies Required by Business Community

Benefit to Employers

- ◆ Prepare future employees
- ◆ Develop Source of Skilled & Motivated Personnel
- ◆ Reduce Training Costs
- ◆ Increase Employer Visibility
- ◆ Improve Employee Retention
- ◆ Communicate Job-Specific Proficiencies