

Area: Work Experience
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Cooperative Work Experience Education is an experiential, academic program which allows students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a work environment. Upon completion of their Work Experience (WEXP) orientation course, students may earn 1-4 units of transferable credit with a letter grade. Work Experience serves: College interns, volunteers, and employees. Positions may be paid or unpaid.

Occupational Work Experience (298/498) provides students with opportunities to develop or add marketable skills related to their major study programs. These units may count towards the Area III GE pattern, and possibly elective units or major units, only 498 units are transferable to CSU.

General Work Experience (198) assists students in exploring the world of work and provides students with opportunities to develop or add marketable skills related to their career goals. Like occupational work experience, it is designed for students wanting to apply skills learned in the classroom to a work environment. These units may count towards the Area III GE pattern, and possibly elective units or major units, 198 units are NOT transferable.

For more information about Cooperative Work Experience, please see the Programs of Study section of the catalog.

WEXP 198 Work Experience - General 1-3 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

Enrollment Limitation: Be in a paid or non-paid internship, volunteer opportunity or job related to career goals.

Hours: 60-225 hours LAB

This course provides students with opportunities to develop marketable skills in preparation for employment or advancement within a career. It is designed for students interested in exploring various career options. Course content includes understanding the application of education to the workforce; completion of required forms which document the student's progress and hours spent at the work site; and developing workplace skills and competencies. Appropriate level learning objectives are established by the student and the employer. During the semester, the student is required to fulfill a weekly orientation and 75 hours of related paid work experience, or 60 hours of unpaid work experience per one unit. An additional 75 or 60 hours of related work experience is required for each additional unit. The weekly orientation is required for first time participants, returning participants are not required to attend the weekly orientation but are required to meet with the instructor as needed to complete all program forms and assignments. This course may be taken for a total of 6 units. Work Experience may be taken for a total of 16 units when there are new or expanded learning objectives.

WEXP 298 Work Experience in (Subject) 1-4 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

Enrollment Limitation: Be in a paid or non-paid internship, volunteer opportunity or job related to career goals.

Hours: 60-300 hours LAB

This course provides students with opportunities to develop marketable skills in preparation for employment in their major field of study or advancement within their career. It is designed for students interested in work experience and/or internships in associate degree level occupational programs. Course content includes understanding the application of education to the workforce; completion of required forms which document the student's progress and hours spent at the work site; and developing workplace skills and competencies. Appropriate level learning objectives are established by the student and the employer. During the semester, the student is required to fulfill a weekly orientation and 75 hours of related paid work experience, or 60 hours of unpaid work experience for one unit. An additional 75 or 60 hours of related work experience is required for each additional unit. The weekly orientation is required for first time participants, returning participants are not required to attend the weekly orientation but are required to meet with the instructor as needed to complete all program forms and assignments. Work Experience may be taken for a total of 16 units when there are new or expanded learning objectives.

WEXP 498 Work Experience in (Subject) 1-4 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

Enrollment Limitation: Be in a paid or non-paid internship, volunteer opportunity or job related to career goals.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 60-300 hours LAB

This course provides students with opportunities to develop marketable skills in preparation for employment in their major field of study or advancement within their career. It is designed for students interested in work experience and/or internships in transfer level degree occupational programs. Course content includes understanding the application of education to the workforce; completion of required forms which document the student's progress and hours spent at the work site; and developing workplace skills and competencies. Appropriate level learning objectives are established by the student and the employer. During the semester, the student is required to fulfill a weekly orientation and 75 hours of related paid work experience, or 60 hours of unpaid work experience for one unit. An additional 75 or 60 hours of related work experience is required for each additional unit. The weekly orientation is required for first time participants, returning participants are not required to attend the orientation but are required to meet with the instructor as needed to complete all program forms and assignments. Work Experience may be taken for a total of 16 units when there are new or expanded learning objectives.