

# CO-OP

## What is Co-op?

Co-operative Education is a program that allows students to earn secondary school credits while completing a work placement. The program consists of a Co-op course monitored by a Co-operative Education teacher, a related curriculum course and a work placement.

Students can apply two Co-op credits towards their compulsory high school graduation requirements, with no limit on earning optional Co-op credits.

Co-op placements are arranged for students by their secondary school's Co-operative education teacher. Contact a Guidance Counselor for more information.

## Who is it for?

Co-op programs are typically for senior students in grade 11 or 12 moving towards an apprenticeship, college, university or workplace destination.



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Experiential Learning activities vary in length and commitment from both the student and the employer or community placement.

There are five types of Experiential Learning opportunities including Job Shadowing, Job Twinning, Work Experience, and Co-operative Education.

The Co-op program is the most common type of Experiential Learning and students can take Co-op as part of their school experience. Students may also use Co-op credits towards programs such as the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) or the Specialist High Skills Major Program.

The OYAP program allows students to explore skilled trades and helps prepare them to successfully pursue a career. Students in grade 11 or 12 can gain training, through Experiential Learning programs, in an apprenticeship trade of interest.

## What are the benefits of Co-op?

- Experience hands-on learning
- Explore career options
- See the relevance of their classroom learning
- Earn credits through workplace experience
- Develop the essential skills and habits required in the workplace
- Gain valuable work experience that will help build a resume for post-secondary programs and future employment

*"It's easy to get lost in everything, but Co-op gave me the direction I needed," said a Grand Erie Co-op student.*

*"My Co-op placement assisted me with making future career plans because it has taught me a lot about myself and what I enjoy doing in the workplace."*

