

Cooperative Work Education

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What is Cooperative Work Education?

Classroom instruction to include, but not limited to:

employability skills, career exploration and planning, life skills, entrepreneurship and goal setting

Combined with:

Paid credit-bearing work-based experience

2003-04 State Approved CWE Programs

Diversified Occupations	46
Business and Finance Technology	15
Marketing	33
Medical Careers	14
Family and Consumer Sciences	12
Technology	2
Vocational Agriculture	12
TOTAL	134

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State Approved Programs Eligibility

For CWE/Diversified Occupations:

- Teaching cross endorsement #104
- Classroom component (1 credit)
- Work site placement – paid, credit-bearing, teacher monitored (up to one additional credit for worksite experience)
- With training plans and partnership agreements in place

For all other CWE state-approved programs:

- Teachers endorsement in all other program areas such as Business, Marketing etc.
- Students are placed and monitored by the classroom teacher
- Students worksite placement is restricted to the teacher's endorsement area related to this classroom instruction.
- Related documents such as training plans, partnership agreements must be in place
- Worksite placement is paid and credit-bearing (up to 1 additional credit for work-site experience)

Worksafe Curriculum

- While coursework is provided to teachers holding the #104 endorsement for safely placing and monitoring students, it is recommended that all CWE teachers participate in the Youth Worksafe Curriculum training.
- All teachers should continually monitor any changes in labor laws and forecasts.

How to become CWE endorsed

Three locations to earn CWE #104 endorsement:

- Central Connecticut State University
- University of New Haven – on-line
- University of Nebraska – on-line

Required CWE Coursework

- Only available through cross-endorsement to existing secondary educators.
- One year of non-teaching work experience
- Three semester hours of credit in principles and organization of cooperative work education
- Foundations and principles of vocational education
- Labor market analysis trends and job readiness
- Special education course

Why become state-approved?

- Acknowledgement from the state that your program is a bona fide CWE program.
- Places you on the state distribution list for communication regarding professional development etc.
- Use of LED 75-1 Allows placement of minors to work in occupations that are considered hazardous by the Department of Labor.

Limits your liability. If a student were to become injured in this situation, you and your district would not be subject to state and federal labor violations.

If you would like more information:

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