

SYLLABUS

Course Name:	Introduction to Work Based Learning
Credits:	5
Course Description:	This course provides an overview of work-based learning (WBL) as a vital educational approach that integrates academic learning with practical, hands-on experiences in real-world work environments. Students will explore various models of WBL, including internships, apprenticeships, and cooperative education, while understanding the benefits and challenges associated with each. Through a combination of classroom instruction, guest speakers from various industries, and experiential learning opportunities, students will develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking. The course will also cover topics such as workplace etiquette, professional development, and the importance of networking. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue work-based learning opportunities that align with their career interests and academic goals, preparing them for successful transitions into the workforce.
Prerequisites:	On track to be a CTE completer and on track for graduation.
Textbooks & Course Resources:	Work based learning <u>guidebook</u> .
Course Assessments & Technical Assessments:	Mid-Term Assessment Final Assessment
Career & Technical Organization:	FCCLA https://fcclainc.org/
Work Based Learning Opportunities:	 Simulated Workplace Environment School Based Enterprise Work Based Learning

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Course Outline & Proficiencies to be Mastered:

Unit#1: Career Exploration

Students will acquire and apply self-knowledge in order to develop personal, learning and career goals.

1a. Assess personal strengths and weaknesses as they relate to career exploration and development.

1b. Explain how decisions regarding education and work impact major life decisions. 1c. List and describe various types of occupations in the community and develop an awareness of occupational opportunities within the region (e.g., nursing, insurance, human services, carpenters, STEM, etc.).

Unit#2: College/Career Readiness

Students will understand how academic, technical, cross cluster and employability skills are needed to obtain or create, maintain and advance in one's career.

2a. Apply & reflect upon career goals, skills, and interests to select high school courses.

2b. Gather data on potential careers, and understand the importance of researching the requirements needed to gain entrance into the field.

2c. Demonstrate skills to gain entrance into a post secondary institution and/or seek employment.

Unit#3: Professionalism in the Workplace

Students will understand how academic, technical, cross cluster and employability skills are needed to obtain or create, maintain and advance in one's career.

3a. Demonstrate skills to seek employment (write a resume and cover letter, complete a job application, interview for a job, find and pursue employment leads and market oneself in the workplace).

3b. Compare/contrast professional etiquette, professional work expectations, and interviewing techniques in various settings.

3c. Evaluate professional behavior in the workplace and how it has an impact upon productivity and morale.

Unit #4: WorkPlace Safety & Communication

Students will demonstrate skills to secure, maintain and advance in their chosen or related career cluster.

4a. Explain the importance of dress code, attendance, and professional expectations in the workplace in terms of safety.

4b. Develop personal responsibility characteristics regarding workplace situations involving workplace safety (OSHA Training), sexual harassment, and personal ethics.

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Unit #5: Networking and Professional Development

Students will focus on equipping students with the skills to build a professional network, leverage social media for career advancement, and understand the significance of mentorship in achieving their career goals.

5a. Building a Professional Network

5b. Utilizing Social Media for Career Advancement

5c. Importance of Mentorship

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Unit #6: Legal and Ethical Considerations in the Workplace

Students will explore the essential workplace rights and responsibilities, the importance of safety and health regulations, and the principles of ethical decision-making necessary for professional conduct.

6a. Understanding Workplace Rights and Responsibilities

6b. Workplace Safety and Health Regulations

6c. Ethical Decision-Making in Professional Settings

Unit #7: Evaluating Work-Based Learning Experiences

Students will focus on assessing the impact of work-based learning on career readiness, gathering constructive feedback from employers and peers, and effectively presenting learning outcomes and experiences.

7a. Assessing the Impact of WBL on Career Readiness

7b. Gathering Feedback from Employers and Peers

7c. Presenting Learning Outcomes and Experiences

<u>Unit #8: Experiential Learning and Reflection/Future Trends in Work-Based Learning</u>

Students will emphasize the importance of setting learning goals for work-based learning experiences, engaging in reflective practices such as journaling and self-assessment, and deriving valuable lessons from both challenges and successes to prepare for future trends in the workforce.

8a: Setting learning goals for WBL experiences

8b: Reflective practices: journaling and self-assessment

8c: Learning from challenges and successes.

8d. The Role of Technology in WBL

8e. Emerging Industries and Career Opportunities

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Career & Technical Education Standards:	NJ Student Learning Standards for 21st Century Life Career: 9.2 (Career Awareness, Exploration and Preparation) NJ Student Learning Standards for 21st Century Life Career: 9.4 (Skills for Career Success)
Career Ready Practices:	CRP 1: Career Exploration and Awareness CRP 2: Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. CRP 3: Attend to personal health and financial well-being. CRP 4: Career Planning CRP 5: Networking CRP 6: Professionalism CRP 7: Work Ethics CRP 8: Job Seeking Skills CRP 9: Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management. CRP 10: Networking CRP 11: Professional Growth
Grading:	Grade Categories Assessments: 65% (Knowledge, Performance, and Project Based) Classwork/Participation: 25% (Knowledge, Performance, and Project Based) Homework: 10% Grade Scale A+ 98-100, A 94-97, A- 90-93, B+ 87-89, B 84-86, B- 80-83, C+ 77-79, C 74-76, C- 70-73, D 64-69, F 0-63
Classroom Policies:	 Respect yourself and your property. Respect others and their property. Arrive to class on time or with a pass. Follow all workplace safety, rules, policies, and procedures at all times.
Student Provided Material List:	Student notebook, binder, pens, pencils, notebook paper, chromebook.
Student Expectations:	 Maintain professionalism. Effectively use interpersonal skills. Communicate clearly and purposefully. Demonstrate appropriate work ethic and behavior. Demonstrate teamwork. Use problem-solving skills. Utilize technology. Research, identify, and apply for job/career opportunities.

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