

COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE EDUCATION (CWEE)

Work Experience and Internships

Cooperative Work Experience Education (CWEE) is an academic program in which students earn college credit for what they learn while working at paid jobs or as volunteers. Often, CWEE units will apply to the Associate Degree or certificate and/or can be transferred to 4-year California State Universities as elective credit.

Students, with the guidance of their work supervisor and CWEE instructor, set their own Learning Objectives, which they fulfill during the semester. Learning Objectives are the educational foundation of the course and define what and how a student will learn on the job during the semester. By developing and achieving Learning Objectives, students are able to demonstrate to their supervisors their ability to learn and grow, and increase the student's value as an employee.

Students must work 75 hours (if paid) or 60 hours (if volunteer) over the semester for each unit attempted. Students whose work relates to one of the college's occupational disciplines can enroll in Occupational Work Experience for 1 to 4 units in one semester (Depending on Department). Students whose work does not relate to one of the Occupational disciplines can enroll in General Work Experience Education up to 4 units each semester. Students do not need to enroll in other courses in order to enroll in CWEE classes. Students must attend a course orientation to enroll for the course.

More information and an orientation schedule can be found online at <https://cabrillo.edu/academics/cwee/> or contact Matthew Weis, Internship and Work Experience Coordinator, at (831) 477-5650, ma-weis@cabrillo.edu.

Cabrillo is excited to announce the launch of the new online internship posting and searching tool: mbinterns.org. This is the one-stop resource for students and employers to connect locally in the Monterey Bay Region.



General Work Experience Education – CWEE 99G

For students who wish to enroll in work experience not aligned with a specific program degree or certificate. General Work Experience units are transferable to the CSU system.

Occupational Work Experience – CWEE 199C

For students who wish to enroll for work experience aligned with a specific program degree or certificate. College programs that offer Occupational Work Experience as an elective or requirement include:

Horticulture (HORT), Construction Energy Management (CEM), Computer and Information Systems (CIS), Engineering Technology (ETECH), Engineering (ENGR), Welding (W), Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management (CAHM), Early Childhood Education (ECE), Education (EDUC), Medical Assisting (MA), Human Services (HSERV), Radiologic Technology (RT), Nursing (N), Dental Hygiene (DH), Digital Media (DM), Music (MUS), Journalism (JOURN), Computer Applications/Business Applications (CABT), Accounting (ACCT), Business (BUS). Occupational Work Experience units are non-transferable.