

# Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)

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# Mission Statement

- The Cooperative Education Program combines academic learning with workplace application ensuring students demonstrate 21st century work skills such as, critical thinking, basic writing skills, communication, teamwork, customer service, technology, and human development.

# Student Learning Outcomes

- Assess and resolve an existing human relation challenges or issues at the workplace
- Develop a learning objective that improves the student's performance using current tasks at the workplace
- Assess personal business skills and demonstrate how these skills can enhance skills at their workplace
- Utilize appropriate information technology in their workplace

# Brief History of CWE-Progress

- '2000-present CWE has had FT instructor
- '2000 on-campus student enrmt=125 enrmt '2010 =435
- Student Manual updated-hard copy format
- '2003 Web site established-electronic format [www.foothill.edu/coop](http://www.foothill.edu/coop)
- Created new assignments to enhance career exploration, labor market, job retention exercises...
- Created interactive forms for CWE assignments
- Created a “developmental” model for each student
- Enhancement through collaboration w/other CC's community programs and inter-campus depts.
- Additional events-Employer Panel Series
- Compilation of an Employer Database to develop internships

# Why CWE ???

- Highest Unemployment rate for youth 18-22 in US history
- Competition for jobs-global workforce
- Teach development of interpersonal skills
- Highly favored by employers
- Excellent segue to develop internships

### Evidence

- Longer terms of unemployment
- New technologies/ emerging markets to learn
- Shift in family dynamics
- Change in community building
- Response to climate and environmental changes
- New perspectives

# Why CWE???

## Career Perspective

- Exposure to the world of work
- Testing work readiness skills
- Relevancy of new technologies
- Reinforcing decision making
- Wiring for troubleshooting skills
- Networking, community building
- Matching personality, aptitude and market needs

## Why Work Experience ???

### Employer Perspective

- Productive employees
- Creative, solution finders
- Assertiveness and interpersonal skills
- Builds self confidence
- Future possibilities within company
- Learn communication techniques multi-generational & diverse employees
- Teaching electronic/virtual work strategies



# Why Work Experience ???

## Students' Options

- Respond to new technologies
- Re-invent self
- Re-position transferrable skills
- Re-vamp skill sets
- Re-energize spirit and actualize the new global workforce!

## How to Enroll? CWE Eligibility

- Must be working throughout whole term
- Be working in private industry-5hrs or in non-profit 4 hrs per week
- Complete CWE application on [www.foothill.edu/coop](http://www.foothill.edu/coop)
- Contact CWE office for appropriate course
- Course offerings in Occup and General CWE classes
- Meet with instructor to develop Learning Obj

## Next Steps:

- Review on-line schedule of classes
- Register for Winter 2012 CWE course
- Review CWE website  
[www.foothill.edu/coop](http://www.foothill.edu/coop)
- Attend CWE Open House:Employer Panel, Nov 17th

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# OPEN HOUSE

**When:** Thursday, November 17, 2011

Lounge (across from the Bookstore)

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. - *Employer Panel*  
1:00 – 1:30p.m. - *Networking with employers*

Employers Panel Series & representative from the following industries:



- High Tech
- Non-Profit organization
- Construction Management
- Healthcare
- Business
- Social Media

*Light Refreshments will be served*

Please RSVP Phuong Tran at 650-949-7208 or via email, [tranphuong@foothill.edu](mailto:tranphuong@foothill.edu)

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**Representatives from:**

**SF Station**

**Carnegie Institute, Plant Biology**

**Hathaway Dinwiddie**

**UC Seymour Center, Long Marine**

**Santa Clara County Electrical**

**Sheet Metal Workers, Local 104**

**U.S. Assemblymen Gordon Office**

**Learn about Internships • Bring your Resume!!**

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# Why Cooperative Work Experience?

- Why Not????

Thank you for your time, any  
questions????