

Experiential Learning

Schools are offering more opportunities to customize your high school experience and build on your strengths and interests through a variety of new and enhance learning options including Experiential Learning. Experiential Learning programs enhance your academic background and provide you with opportunities to gain valuable experiences in our community. No matter your post secondary pathway, experiential learning can assist you in making career decisions and help you develop the knowledge, skills and habits required in the workplace. All forms of experiential learning are a valuable complement to your post secondary preparation and future employment.

Experience / Program	Length	Eligibility / Delivery	Credits	Description	Post Secondary Pathway
Job Shadowing	½ to 1 day	Any grade	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-on-one observation of a worker at a place of employment Take Our Kids to Work Day in Grade 9 is prototype of job shadowing May be incorporated into any credit course Counts towards the Experiential Learning component requirement for an SHSM 	Apprenticeship College University Work
Job Twinning	½ to 1 day	Any grade	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-on-one observation of a cooperative education student at his or her placement May be incorporated into any credit course Counts towards the Experiential Learning component requirement for an SHSM 	Apprenticeship College University Work
Work Experience	1 – 4 weeks	Any grade	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A planned learning opportunity that provides students with a relatively short-term work experience May be incorporated into any credit course Counts towards the Experiential Learning component required for an SHSM 	Apprenticeship College University Work
Co-operative Education Program (Co-op)	1 semester or more usually 0.5 day 1, 2, 3 or 4 credit scheduling options Summer Co-op also available	Grade 11 Grade 12	2 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ministry-approved program that allows students to earn secondary school credits while completing a work placement in any career field Students can apply 2 co-op credits towards their compulsory high school graduation requirements with not limit on earning potential co-op credits “Test-drive” career options and gain valuable work experience for postsecondary programs and future employment 2 credits in co-op are required for an SHSM 	Apprenticeship College University Work
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)	1 or 2 year program in senior years	Prerequisite 1 related Technology course Must be 16 years of age Must have 16 credits Grade 11 Grade 12	2 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain on-the-job training and experience in an apprenticeship in a skilled trade while earning credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Accumulate workplace hours that count towards both secondary school co-op credits and the requirements of an apprenticeship program May have an opportunity to receive Level 1 apprenticeship in-school training or be eligible to write an exemption test for Level 1 If enrolled in a ministry-approved dual credit program, may earn optional credits towards their OSSD for Level 1 apprenticeship in-school training May involve the student’s registration in an apprenticeship Apprenticeship opportunities are determined by the demand of local employers in 4 sectors: industrial, motive power, service and construction Sample occupations included Automotive Service Technician, Truck and Coach Technician, Cook, Hairstylist, Horticulturist, Carpenter, and General Machinist A student may participate in OYAP as part of an SHSM program 	Apprenticeship College
School-Work Co-op Program	1 or 2 year program in senior years	Grade 11 Grade 12	2 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students who are planning to enter the workplace after graduation Any area of work NOT requiring formal post-secondary education A student may participate in School-Work Co-op as part of an SHSM program 	Work

For further information or to apply to any of these programs, contact your Guidance Counsellor or school’s Co-op teacher