

Work Experience Options for Grade 11 & 12 Students

A minimum of 30 hours of paid, career preparation or volunteer community service is a graduation requirement for all BC secondary school students. There are several ways to meet this requirement through the various programs outlined below.

Students must **choose one of the following options** for grades 11 through 12:

<p><u>Course Title:</u></p> <p>Grad Transitions 30 (GT 30 Hr.)</p> <p><i>(No additional credits earned)</i></p>	<p><u>Course Title:</u></p> <p>Career Prep Work Experience (WEX 12A)</p> <p><i>(4 credits earned)</i></p>	<p><u>Course Title:</u></p> <p>Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training (ACE-iT) and Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA)</p> <p><i>(16 – 20 credits earned)</i></p>
<p><u>Features of this program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meets the minimum number of hours needed to graduate ▶ Can use any paid work experience or volunteer hours completed between grade 10 and grade 12 ▶ Must show proof of work (pay stub) or volunteering (thank-you card or letter) ▶ Need to download or -pick up a “30 hour Work/Volunteer Experience” credentialing package from the Career Centre which includes an employer evaluation and reflection worksheet 	<p><u>Features of this program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Students will complete a minimum of 90 hours of <i>unpaid</i> career-related work experience between the summer of grade 10 and the end of grade 12 ▶ Satisfies the graduation requirement of 30 hours ▶ An elective course scheduled outside of the timetable (no class to attend) ▶ Can be a 9th or 10th course (do not need to give up an elective) ▶ Can have a study block in grade 12 ▶ Allows for career exploration in one or two focus areas of interest ▶ Helps develop confidence in the workplace, references & experience for resumes and possible future job contacts 	<p><u>Features of this program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Start training in a Trade or Industry Certification program while in grade 11 or 12 ▶ Attend a full-day of studies and hands-on experience at the Burnaby Host school ▶ Take academic courses required for graduation at Cariboo ▶ Earn 16 – 20 graduation credits including 4 credits for work experience ▶ Satisfies the graduation requirement of 30 hours ▶ Acquire job-ready skills to enter the industry or continue studies at post-secondary ▶ Burnaby School Board pays the tuition ▶ SSA allows for “earning while learning” and a possible \$1000 scholarship (see a Career Advisor for info)