

# Work Experience Programs

After completing Planning 10, students are given the opportunity to learn about and consider eight possible Focus Areas (Business, Fine Arts, Health & Human Services, Liberal Arts, Journalism, Science, Tourism, Trades). Research has shown that students who focus their studies in those specific career areas that interest them, are more engaged in school, do much better academically, and are more likely to graduate than students that are not focused in a career area.

Students can take courses in a Focus Area that interest them and pursue these during Grade 12 (or Grade 11 for students in the Science field). As an integral part of the program, students have a unique opportunity to gain “on-the-job” experience in their chosen field with the course. Some Work Experience Programs are coordinated with similar post-secondary programs, which may qualify students for a secure placement at a given college or provincial institution. It is recommended that interested students register for a chosen Work Experience Program when planning their grade 12 year.

**All students who want into a Work Experience Programs must select “Work Experience 12” on their course selection sheet.** Like any other course, Work Experience 12 is made up of 120 hours of instruction. These are completed as follows: 30 hours of classroom material (resume, worksafe BC, career exploration, post-secondary), followed by 90 hours of non-paid work experience in the community. The hours worked in the community will also satisfy the work experience requirement in the Graduation Transitions. These 90 hours can be obtained in many ways: missing part of the school day (special arrangements must be made prior to missing), after school, weekends, pro-d days, holidays (Christmas and Spring Break) and summer (special arrangement must be made, this is rare). **Work Experience will only be taught in Semester 1, thus allowing the rest of the year to gain the 90 hours necessary for course completion.** Examples of some work experience placements are listed below, but there are lots of options available.

Note: some placements are very difficult to find (ex: firefighting, music or recording engineer, acting...), so students and/or parents should have good leads or contacts to help aid in the placement.

## ART

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
graphic artist, mural painter, animator, brochure/poster designer, community/city art work

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Drawing & Painting 11, Photography 11 or 12, Graphics 11 or 12, Art 11 or 12, Ceramics & Sculpture 11 or 12, Animation 11 or 12

## BUSINESS (General & Applied)

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
accounting, clerical, marketing, event planning, banking

Typically students have taken at least two of the following courses:  
Marketing 11 or 12, Entrepreneurship 12, Business Computer Apps 11, Economics 12, Accounting 11 or 12, Yearbook 11, Keyboarding 11

## CARPENTRY and JOINERY

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Construction worker, cabinet maker

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Carpentry & Joinery 11 or 12, Drafting & Design 11 or 12

## CHILDREN SERVICES

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Daycare, pre-school, school teacher, community centre

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Family Studies 11, Child Development 12, Psychology 12 (AP Prep)

## CULINARY ARTS

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Cook

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Cook Training 11a, 11b, 11c, 12a or 12b; Foods & Nutrition 11, Tourism 12

## DRAFTING

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Architectural firm, engineering firm

Typically students have taken:  
Drafting & Design 11 and Drafting & Design 12

## ENGINEERING

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Engineering firms, Coquitlam city hall

Typically students have taken:  
Drafting & Design 11 and Drafting & Design 12

## FITNESS & RECREATION

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Fitness Trainer, community gym

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
PE 11 or 12, Fitness Training 11 or 12, Aerobics 11, Ath. Leadership 12

## HEALTH SCIENCE

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Nurse or doctor (in a care home setting), veterinarian, dental assistant or hygienist

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Biology 11 or 12, Chemistry 11 or 12, Math 11

## JOURNALISM

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Local newspaper writer, editing/proofing in office environment

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Journalism 11, English 11 or 12, English Literature 12, Writing 12

## LAW

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
RCMP Youth Academy, community police stations, law office, politician

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Law 12, Social Studies 11, History 12

## MECHANICS (and COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN)

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Mechanic, autobody worker

Typically students have taken:  
Automobile Maintenance 11, Automobile Technology 11 or 12

## MEDIA ARTS

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Website designer, animator, Art Institute

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Digital Media Development 11 or 12, Digital Film Making 11 or 12, Animation 11

## MUSIC

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Recording technician (note: very hard to get placement... ideally student has arranged contact)

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Band 11 or 12, Jazz Band 11 or 12, Vocal Jazz 11 or 12

## SCIENCE (General & Applied)

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Lab Technician, Water Sampling and Conservation, Science World, Vancouver Aquarium

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Chemistry 11 or 12, Physics 11 or 12, Math 11 or 12

Note: Science students entering grade 11 should also look at the ‘Work Experience for the Sciences’ on page 17 - it is a unique learning experience that allows you to take Work Experience in grade 11, allowing you more time to prepare for your more demanding Science 12 courses.

## TEACHING

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Elementary schools, After school children’s programs, Daycare centres, Community Centres

Typically students have taken courses in a variety areas: reading, writing, math, PE, art... as elementary teachers teach in a variety of areas. You must be able to work well with others, especially small children.

## THEATRE

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
local theatre companies (ex: Stage43 or Theatrix)

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Theatre Performance 11 or 12, Musical Theatre 11 or 12

## TOURISM

Examples of work experience placements students have done in the past:  
Hotel management, marketing company, tour company

Typically students have taken at least two of the following:  
Tourism 12, Marketing 11 or 12, any Language 11 or 12

# Apprenticeship & ACE-IT Programs

High school is a great place to start planning your career in the trades. Once you have decided to pursue industry (trades) training, you have a choice in registering in one or both of the following programs listed below. Both are great ways to earn money, learn a valuable skill(s), get high school credits and become eligible for a scholarship. See Mr. MacLean for more information.

## Secondary School Apprenticeships (SSA)

SSA are designed for high school students who have, or are ready to look for a full or part-time job in a trades field that hires apprentices (examples include: construction workers, cooks, mechanics, autobody, electrician...). The program lets you earn up to 16 credits toward graduation for work that you do. Each 120 hours worked equals 4 credits of high school credit. The employer does complete and evaluation of you and a lettergrade is assigned – just like a regular classroom subject. At the same time, your work hours will count towards completion of the “on-the-job” training component of the Industry Training Program. You can also qualify for a \$1,000 Secondary School Apprenticeship scholarship.

## Accelerated Credit Enrolment to Industry Training (ACE-IT)

ACE-IT is an industry training program for high school students. Through an ACE-IT program, you can take courses that will give you both high school graduation credits and a head start towards completion of an apprenticeship program.

ACE-IT programs are developed and offered as partnerships between school districts and post-secondary institutions, and classes are often taught at colleges. Local employers also get involved in the development of ACE-IT programs, and students who complete these programs typically have very good success in finding employment.

Once you successfully complete an ACE-IT program you’ll get credit for at least level one of the technical training (in-class) component of your Industry training Program. And through work experience placements that are usually part of the program, you’ll get credit towards the on-the-job component of your training as well. Or, enroll in both ACE-IT and the Secondary School Apprenticeship program and you’ll be well on your way to completing your first year of post-secondary education by the time you graduate from high school.

Presently **Gleneagle Secondary runs two ACE-IT programs: Culinary Arts and Hairdressing.** There are other ACE-IT programs available in the Coquitlam School District – see the top of page 7 (“SD43 Transition Programs”) for a complete listing of ACE-IT and other district programs and/or visit [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) > Programs > District Programs.