

WORK EXPERIENCE EDUCATION (WEE)

Work Experience Education (WEE) allows students with declared majors to earn up to 16 units of college credit by engaging in an internship program (either paid or unpaid) related to their major. WEE uses the entire community as the laboratory, allowing students to apply theoretical information learned in the classroom to a practical environment. It enables students to compare their career goals and expectations with specific career requirements and to learn from professional and technical experts working in their career field (Title 5 Section 55250).

To be eligible for WEE, you must:

- Have concurrent enrollment in one other major-related course and have successfully completed one to two major-related courses to qualify for a WEE class for fall and spring semesters, or summer session.
- Have a declared major.
- Work in either a paid or unpaid position related to your major.
- Develop job performance objectives each semester of participation.
- Enroll in the class during the regular college registration period.

This further requires that you meet the following criteria for WEE:

- Your planned program of WEE must, in the assessment of your departmental instructor/agency representative, include new or expanded responsibilities or learning opportunities beyond those experienced during previous employment/internship.
- Your WEE program must have on-the-job learning experiences that contribute to your occupational or education goals.
- Your WEE experience must have the approval of your instructor/agency representative.
- If you are self-employed, you must identify a person who is approved by your instructor to serve as the designated employer representative. This person must agree in writing to accept responsibility for assisting you to identify new or expanded on-the-job learning objectives, for assisting in the evaluation of these objectives, and for validating the hours you worked.

One unit of credit is granted for every 54 hours of work experience (paid or unpaid). Students can enroll in up to four (4) units each semester for a total of 16 elective units overall. For further information or enrollment procedures, go to the Cesar E. Chavez Student Services Building 68, Room 68-208 on the 2nd floor where we are located in the Career and Transfer Connections Office. For additional information, you can call (619) 421-6700 Ext. 5715 or send an email to swcctc@swccd.edu.

Auditing Work Experience Education (WEE)

Students may audit the WEE courses after completing the 16-unit level. Students interested in further information about Work Experience should go to the Cesar E. Chavez Student Services Building 68, Room 68-208 on the 2nd floor where we are located in the Career and Transfer Connections Office (<https://www.swccd.edu/student-support/career-and-transfer-connections/>). For additional information, you can call (619) 421-6700 Ext. 5715 or send an email to swcctc@swccd.edu.