CENTRE FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



Welcome to the Centre for Experiential Learning!

The Centre for Experiential Learning (CEL) offers courses that contribute to academic success through Work Integrated Learning (WIL) semesters and Experiential Education (EE) opportunities.

- Contribute to achieving the Graduate Attributes (intellectual and practical skills, literacy, civic engagement)
- Better assimilation of academic theory
- Smoother transition to the work place



Co-operative Education Programs

- Co-op is offered at the certificate, diploma and undergraduate levels
- Paid hands on, discipline oriented work experience embedded within the program of study
- Work terms vary in length, typically four months, and often eligible for funding sources





Internship Programs

- Internship programs allow students to explore career options and apply their academic knowledge in their field of career interest.
- Internships occur in a wide variety of formats, hours required and when the internship is performed.



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Co-Curricular Record (CCR)

- Vancouver Island University is committed to student success and the student experience.
- Engagement in co-curricular activities promotes holistic student development that synthesizes learning from both inside and outside of the classroom.
- CCR provides a centralized database of activities that lets students easily search for opportunities to develop their interests, self-developed learning goals, and career aspirations by connecting classroom learning to experiences outside the classroom.



Peer-Supported Learning (PSL)

- PSL are scheduled informal study sessions led by a senior student.
- No dumb questions students work together to learn.
- Not remedial learning focus is on improving learning through working collaboratively. Studies have shown that students learn more and retain information longer when working together.









Indigenous Intern Leadership Program

- Provides recent graduates with workplace skills and training beyond their classroom learning
- The initiative is intended to create opportunities to support Indigenous interns as future community leaders in business and BC's economy, and to identify and fill the skill-gaps common to many First Nations communities.

WHERE TO GET FUNDING

Considering hiring a work-integrated learning student for your organization?

BC Arts Council: Special Project Assistance – Co-op

BC Tech Co-op Grants Program

Canadian Heritage Young Canada Works (YCW) Program

Columbia Basin Trust - School Works: Co-op Wage Subsidy

ECO Canada's Wage Subsidy Program

Green Spaces

Industrial Research Assistance Program Technology (IRAP)

Innovate BC Innovator Skills Initiative (ISI) Grant

ITAC Career Ready Program

MITACS-Accelerate

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Experience Award

Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS)

Service Canada – Summer Jobs program

Scientific Research & Experimental Development Tax Credit

Student Work Placement program