
EDUCATORS IN THE WORKPLACE

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT?

Educators in the WorkPlace is an enrichment program for teachers and counselors of grades K-12 and technical college staff for the purpose of better preparing students to enter the work place. It is designed to let educators learn about careers and authentic activities in the work place by spending four days at a business or industry.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide teachers with a better understanding of the knowledge and skills utilized in area businesses.
- To assist educators in developing partnerships with local employers to incorporate work place knowledge and skills into the classroom.
- To enable educators to effectively assist youth in making realistic career choices.

GRADUATE CREDIT

Graduate credit is available. Please contact Dr. Donald Jorgenson at 920-233-1154 or e-mail him at ddjorgnb@vbe.com.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

1. Selecting Business/Industry:

You are responsible for making arrangements with a business or industry work site and explaining why you want to do an externship with them.

Choose a business or industry that is willing to invest some time to orient you to occupations and workplace activities. You should also look for a site that has some diversity of tasks which utilize various academic and/or vocational skills. Remember, you will be trying to focus on skills and career information you can integrate in your curriculum in order to provide students with authentic activities and career information.

This does not have to be strictly a shadowing experience. If the employer allows, you might want to experience some hands-on activity. When making your choice of a business or industry, please try to select a site which will offer a variety of opportunities for you to learn about authentic career information and occupational activities you can adapt for integration into your curriculum.

Your application will be approved based on how you answered the questions listed on the application form.

2. Application Procedure:

Complete an application and submit it to Jolene Johnson, Nicolet Area Technical College, P.O. Box 518, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Externships will be approved as they are received. **The last date you can apply is May 4, 2006. (If you have completed two consecutive externships, you will be placed on a waiting list.)**

3. Work Place Experience:

Educators will **work at a cooperating business for four, six-hour days. There will be a two-hour discussion meeting in October for participants to share their experiences and a stipend of \$100 will be paid.** You may complete your experience during vacations or on Saturdays. Stipends of \$100 per day will be paid following submission of the written evaluation and employer evaluation. **You must complete the externship prior to June 30, 2006. If you fail to complete your externship, you may be eliminated from future participation. (In the past we had several people who did not complete and we lost grant money.)**

4. Public Relations:

Contact your local media and ask if they would do a story segment of you at the externship work site.

5. Written Evaluation:

Prior to receiving your stipend, you must submit a written evaluation. It is suggested that participants keep a daily record or folio of information to develop their evaluation.

Students Benefit By:

- Learning from instruction based on their teacher's authentic business experiences.
- Seeing relationships between their classroom instruction and the workplace.
- Being more informed about career opportunities and choices.

Teachers Benefit By:

- Better understanding of how skills and information taught in the classroom are applied in the work place.
- Establishing a dialogue with business.
- Experiencing activities they can transfer to their instruction.
- Learning about the corporate environment.

Businesses Benefit By:

- Being able to more effectively communicate workforce needs and employer expectations to educators.
- Developing a working relationship with local educators.
- Establishing communication with educators to enhance classroom instruction.

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EDUCATORS IN THE WORKPLACE (Externship)

NORTHWOODS SCHOOL TO WORK CONSORTIUM

Nicolet Area Technical College

School Districts of:

Crandon	Phelps
Elcho	Rhineland
Lakeland	Three Lakes
Laona	Tomahawk
Mercer	Wabeno
Northland Pines	