CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING
Continuum Framework

WASHINGTON STEM

Career Connected Learning is a continuum of awareness, exploration, preparation, and work experiences developed through strong public and private partnerships. Participants develop, apply, and are assessed on academic, technical, trade, and entrepreneurial skills that support their future career success.

career awareness
LEARNING ABOUT WORK

Career Awareness experiences are those that help students build awareness of the variety of careers available. These activities are normally defined as one-time interactions with partners for a student or group of students.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

- Career Fairs
- Career Presentations (Panels + Speakers)
- Worksite Tours

career preparation
LEARNING THROUGH WORK

Career Preparation experiences support college and career readiness and include extended direct interaction with professionals from industry and the community. These experiences are designed to give students supervised practical application of skills and knowledge.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

- Distance/Virtual Internships
- Cooperative Worksite Learning
- Extended Learning
- Instructional Worksite Learning
- Internships

career skills training & education
LEARNING IN WORK

Career Training experiences prepare students for employment in a specific range of occupations. Career Training experiences often occur after high school.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

- On-the-Job Training
- Clinical Experience
- Apprenticeship

career exploration
LEARNING FOR WORK

Career Exploration provides students with short term direct interaction with partners and the opportunity to explore career options in a way that contributes to motivation for learning and informs students' decisions about further experiences and educational options.

ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE:

- Networking Events
- Work-based Problems with Classroom Mentoring
- Job Shadow
- Informational Interview
- Career Prep Workshop
- CCLs Embedded in General Ed Class