



Pack Leader @
The Dog Haus

Bluevale Collegiate's CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM



Test Drive Your Future!

Why Take Co-op?

What's in it for me?

How does Co-op work?

What does Co-op have to do with SHSM?

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How do I find out more?

Co-operative Education allows you to earn OSSD credits as you gain real-world work experience in a career field of your choice!

Build skills, knowledge and work habits as you 'test drive' a career before investing several years & thousands of dollars on your post-secondary path.

Enhance your resume & network of references while learning in an environment that is different from the regular school classroom.



Educational Assistant @ KidsAbility School Authority



Benefits of Co-op...

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- Typically for students in grade 11, 12 or 12+
- Gain valuable and real work experience
- An alternative way to earn 2 or more credits
- Develop marketable job skills
- Can be used as a Group 1, 2 or 3 credit towards your OSSD
- Helps ease the transition from school to work
- Gain a stronger awareness of your interests & abilities and how they can work for you as you shape your future
- Builds confidence, maturity, independence, resiliency, accountability, a strong work-ethic & a valuable network of contacts
- Ideal for anyone; whether you're planning on college, university, an apprenticeship or heading straight into the workplace



General Machinist @ RK Machine



DCO 30C:

Creating Opportunities through Co-op

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- Two credit course, typically scheduled into periods C & D
- Opportunity exists to potentially extend your program to 3 or 4 credits (see your counsellor)
- **'Classroom Component'** - 3 weeks at start of semester with a focus on health & safety, resumes & interviews, employer expectations and overall job readiness
- **'Community Component'** - your job placement where you spend the bulk of your semester engaging in experiential learning opportunities
- **'Integration'** - in-class days that occur periodically thru the course where you'll focus on the questions 'so what?' and 'now what?'

- *Co-op is a valuable and mandatory component of all of BCI's SHSM programs*



Safety Instructor @ the WRPS Safety Village

Sorry: Co-op jobs are unpaid and, since Co-op is an Open Level course, your mark cannot be used towards post-secondary admissions.



Test Driving Your Future in the WRDSB...

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Check out this short video that outlines how Co-op in the WRDSB works. You'll also see examples of several other types of jobs that Co-op students can experience...



Small Engine Technician @ Tri-City Cycle & Sport

The Co-op jobs you see in this presentation just begin to scratch the surface of the range & number of jobs available to Bluevale Co-op students!



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If you don't already have an obvious Co-op job choice, start your search by choosing a subject area where you have particular strengths & interests...

- The Arts
- Business
- Computer Studies
- Family Studies
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Math
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Technological Studies



Exploring her science interests @ St. Mary's General Hospital

There are many people who can help you narrow down your Co-op job possibilities:
Talk to your parents, friends, teachers, your counselor & Mr. Kemperman



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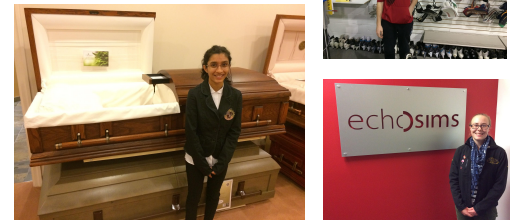
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Next, use those same allies to help you brainstorm a list of potential Co-op jobs related to your main school subject interests.

Here are a few more cool & interesting job examples...





SHSM @ Bluevale

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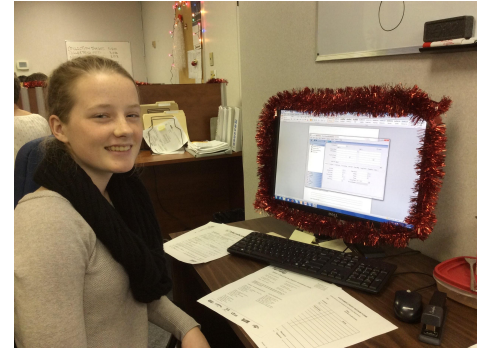
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Bluevale offers **Specialist High Skills Major** programs in the areas of...

- Arts & Culture
- Business
- Information & Communication Technology
- Sports

Co-op is a requirement of any SHSM program so, if you're interested in SHSM, you'll need to apply to BCI Co-op as well.

See your guidance counselor for more SHSM info!



Business SHSM - Accounting position @ Quadro



Sport SHSM - Physiotherapy @ Grand River Sports Medicine



Some unique Co-op opportunities...

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Canadian Armed Forces



Chef Trainee @ Bauer Kitchen

Military Co-op

- Must be 16 by July 1st to apply for Sem 2 course
- Earn 3 credits
- It is a paid position
- Earn your BMQ
- The WRDSB runs an info evening every January: stay tuned!



Canadian Armed Forces

OYAP & Dual Credit

- OYAP available in a number of skilled trades
- Dual Credit opportunities thru Conestoga College
- Visit www.gooyap.ca



Auto Technician @ Tirecraft

*See your counselor or
Mr. Kemperman for more info!*



The application process

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1. At course selection time, follow the instructions provided to you to select the traditional 2 credit Co-op course (**DCO 30C**)
2. Contact your counselor if you wish to take a 3 or 4 credit Co-op package
3. In early March, all students who selected Co-op will be invited to an info session where they'll be given their **Co-op application package**
4. Follow the instructions provided to complete and submit your application package by the requested due date
5. Wait to receive your **Co-op Interview notice**. At your interview, you'll discuss your job interests, school progress & attendance with a Co-op teacher



Photographer's Assistant @
One For The Wall



Educational Assistant @
Lincoln Heights Public School

You DO need to apply!

No application? No acceptance!



Tell me more!

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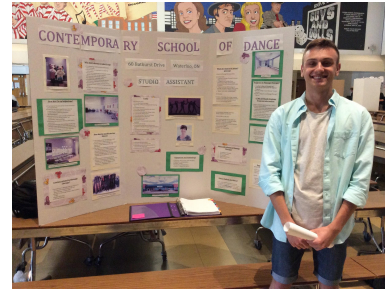
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- Talk to Mr. Kemperman in the Co-op Office (2114) or email him at... harry_kemperman@wrdsb.ca
- Talk to your Career Studies Teacher
- Talk to your Guidance Counselor
- Talk to a current or past Co-op student
- Attend the Co-op & OYAP Career Fair that takes place every January and June



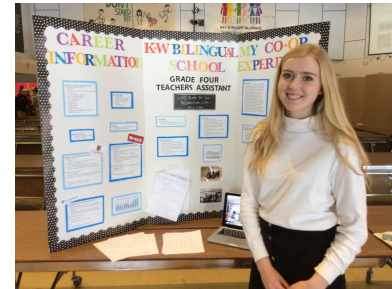
Dance Instructor @
Contemporary School of Dance



Interior Designer @
Decorator's Corner



Stable Hand @ Willow Way Farm



French Immersion EA @
KW Bilingual School



Any questions?

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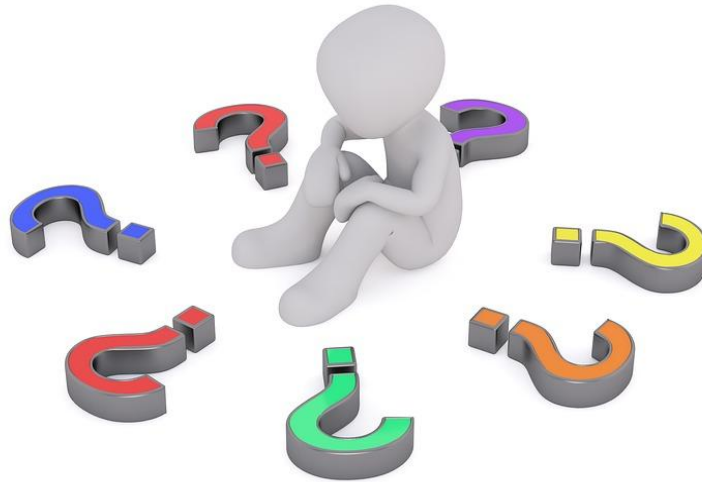
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Final thoughts...

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Invest wisely in your future. **Choose BCI Co-op!**

