

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Cooperative Education (Grade 11-12 Open)

2 credit co-op COP4XD

2 credit co-op COP4X2

4 credit co-op COP4X4

(If you wish a half day Co-op in both semesters choose COP4XD and COP4X2)

Co-op Education is an exciting concept that allows students to combine in-school instruction with on-the-job experience as an alternative way of earning credits towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. It provides students with the opportunity to discover their skills and career interests in the workplace while still attending school. It enables students to make informed career decisions when the time comes to select their post-secondary path. Cooperative education helps students to develop work ethic, interpersonal and employability skills, while at the same time exploring a career for interest and earning from 2 (half day) to 4 (full day) credits that are tied to a related subject area.

The Cooperative Education Program combines a full semester, half-day or full day work placement in the community with classroom theory. The classroom component includes pre-employment sessions prior to attending a community placement and reflective sessions throughout the semester. The in-school sessions will include training in health and safety, human rights and harassment, confidentiality, work ethics, the role of unions, the Employment Standards Act, workplace skills and career research.

Cooperative Education Placement and Related Course “Tie-in”

Each Co-op placement must be “tied” to a related course. The course must be from an Ontario curriculum policy document or a ministry-approved locally developed course taken prior to or at the same time as the Co-op course. Students will take the skills and knowledge developed in that course and apply them in a relevant workplace.

