

School to Work Opportunities

The mission of the School to Work Program is to promote an increased level of partnership between business and education. The School to Work Program provides work based opportunities for students to transition successfully to College or a Career.

School to Work opportunities at Upper Bucks Technical School include:

- Job Shadowing
- Cooperative Education
- WEBS (Work Experience Building Skills)/Summer Internship Program

Job Shadowing

The job shadowing experience is a career awareness activity that includes a structured visit to a worksite by a student. The student is paired with an adult in the work environment and observes work related experiences. The job shadowing exposes the student to career opportunities and aids them in developing an understanding of the world of work. The experience is related to the student's career objective is unpaid and is short term.

Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education is a unique plan of education designed to integrate classroom learning with a supervised and productive work experience. The program provides employment in a job related to the student's career goals. It includes an individualized written training plan correlated to academic and technical instruction. Cooperative Education connects what is learned at UBCTS (academic and technical) with work. Students attend one half day at the sending district and one half day at the worksite. The program operates one to four half days per week and possibly weekends.

WEBS/Summer Internship Program

A recommended student may begin the Cooperative Education experience during the summer in the WEBS (Work Experience Building Skills) program. This program provides a summer experience that may lead to enrollment in the Cooperative Education Program in the senior year.

Benefits to the student

- Refines career goals
- Increases self awareness and responsibility
- Enhances problem solving skills
- Earns a competitive wage and may lead to permanent employment
- Colleges may required related internships/cooperative education experience for admissions
- College scholarships available from the Pennsylvania Cooperative Education Association

UBCTS Cooperative Education Guidelines

- A student must be a senior and shall have successfully completed all recommended competencies for the program in which they are enrolled.
- A student must have a "B" average in their program and have attained satisfactory grades in all academics and sending district academics.
- A student must have excellent attendance and be recommended by their teacher and receive administration approval.