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# WORK EXPERIENCE

## 15–25–35

Work Experience 15–25–35 are separate courses for credit that provide experiential learning activities undertaken by a student as an integral part of a planned school program under the cooperative supervision of an off-campus education coordinator.

Work Experience 15–25–35 courses are components of an off-campus education learning experience. These courses, like other off-campus education courses and course components, provide opportunities for students to:

- apply, in the workplace, knowledge, skills and attitudes acquired through other course work
- discover their career interests and aptitudes in meaningful work activities, situated in community-based work stations and work sites in business, industry, government and community service.

Work experience courses also provide opportunities for the school and its community to combine resources to further the student's personal development, career planning and employability skills through placements in off-campus work stations or work sites.

For more information, see Partnerships between School and Community under the General Principles for Effective Programming in the Vision, Mission and Basic Education section of the *Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12*,

available on the Alberta Education website at <http://education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/guidet oed.aspx>.

Work Experience 15–25–35 courses, at each level, may be offered for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 credits. Each course is time based; i.e., 25 hours per credit, and a student may enroll in Work Experience 35 without having completed Work Experience 15 and/or Work Experience 25.

Students may earn up to 30 credits in work experience, but the number of work experience credits that may be counted toward the Alberta High School Diploma is 15.

There are no basic learning resources for Work Experience 15–25–35 courses. However, related support resources are available for Career and Technology Studies (CTS) prerequisite courses. These CTS resources can be found in the Authorized Resources Database, available on the Alberta Education website at <http://education.alberta.ca/apps/lrdb>.

CTS safety and career readiness courses are linked to Work Experience 15–25–35 courses as follows:

- HCS3000: Workplace Safety Systems is the required prerequisite of the first work experience course taken by a student.
- CTR1010: Job Preparation is the recommended prerequisite of the second work experience course taken by a student.

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- CTR3010: Preparing for Change is the recommended prerequisite of the third work experience course taken by a student.

Specific procedures about off-campus education and work experience courses is provided in the *Off-campus Education Handbook*, available on the Alberta Education website at <http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/program/off-campus.aspx>.