



## COOPERATIVE CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Cooperative Career Technical Education (formerly Cooperative Vocational Education) is an instructional methodology that combines classroom-based vocational study with paid, productive work experience in a field related to students' majors or career technical goals.

### Scope

Cooperative Career Technical Education includes cooperative agreements between schools and employers to provide students with enhanced educational experiences in specific occupational areas.

Cooperative Career Technical Education correlates formal career technical classroom instruction with regularly scheduled, paid on-the-job training. It enables students to develop and refine the occupational competencies (attitudes, skills and knowledge) needed to acquire, adjust and advance in an occupation.

At the community college level, Cooperative Work Experience Education provides opportunities for students to combine work with learning through a plan adopted by the district and approved by the chancellor. The plan sets forth a systematic design of Cooperative Work Experience Education whereby students, while enrolled in college, will gain realistic learning experiences through work. All laws or rules applicable to minors in employment relationships are applicable to students enrolled in work experience courses.

There are two types of Cooperative Work Experience Education, General Work Experience Education and Occupational Work Experience Education.

*General Work Experience Education* is supervised employment which is intended to assist students in acquiring desirable work habits, attitudes and career awareness. The work experience need not be related to the students' educational goals.

*Occupational Work Experience Education* is supervised employment extending classroom-based occupational learning at an on-the-job learning station relating to the students' educational or occupational goal.

### Regulatory Authority

Cooperative Career Technical Education is supported by *CA Education Code Section 52372.1*.

Cooperative Work Experience Education is supported by *CA Code of Regulations Sections 55250 – 55257*

Source: *Work-Based Learning Guide*, California Department of Education, 1998 and CA Education Code. CA Code of Regulations.

### For more information visit:

California Department of Education

<http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Law, Education and Labor Code

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

California Code of Regulations, Title 5

<http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>