

Work-Based Learning



Required Documents:

- [Application](#)
- [PLP Application Pages](#) - These documents are required for **all** WBL students. For Health Science students the documents may be completed **after** a student is accepted into a Nursing Education or Clinical Internship).

Supplemental Information:

- [WBL One-Pager for Parents, Teachers, and Employers](#)
- [WBL One-Pager for Students](#)

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Work-Based Learning (WBL)? WBL is a capstone course in the student's focus elective / career goal area. The course builds on classroom-based instruction to develop employability skills to prepare the student for success in post-secondary education and future careers. This course facilitates exploration of career interests and can provide an edge for entering post-secondary programs, as well as the work force!

Who may take WBL? Senior level students interested in working in a job that aligns with their focus elective and/or post-secondary career goals are eligible for WBL. The student should have transportation to their work site. (WBL Applications are available on the WCS CTE website.)

Who teaches WBL? WBL Teachers/Coordinators are educators trained and certified by the TN Department of Education to facilitate this course.

Does WBL have homework? The WBL course has state standards that each student must complete to gain course credit. The course assignments, which are paced over the school year, challenge the student to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world work experience. The students will meet regularly throughout the year with their WBL Teacher/Coordinator. Assignments are managed by their assigned WBL Teacher/Coordinator. Time outside of school may be required to complete the assignments, and some schools may require them online.

Does the student have to find their own job? The student is responsible for finding a job placement which aligns with their focus elective / career goals. Their focus elective teacher(s), however, may serve as a valuable resource for helping students in discovering possible placements. The place of employment must be less than 16 miles from your school. *Note: Health Science teachers may place students depending on the nature of the class.*

What should a student do if they are interested in taking the WBL course? The student should discuss this desire with their school counselor and pick up a WBL application. Closely look over the application and ensure enough time to complete all the necessary parts.