

Ways to Expand and Enhance Your Educational Experience

Cooperative Education

Program	What is it?	Who takes it?	When does it begin?	Where is it offered?	Why enrol in it?
Cooperative Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows students to earn credits while completing a work placement in the community • Allows students to participate in valuable learning experiences to help prepare for the next stage of their learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any interested student, 16 years or older, regardless of post-secondary destination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may consider applying when they are 16 years or older 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools offer coop placements aligned with the Ministry of Education Policy and Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make connections between school and workplace to “try out” a career of interest • See the relevance of classroom learning in a work setting • Develop essential skills and work habits for the workplace • Acquire a direct understanding of employer and workplace expectations • Gain valuable work experience to help build a resumé • Experience authentic and purposeful learning outside of a traditional classroom setting

“Community As Caring

[Another] thing people with disabilities have revealed to me is their incredible capacity for creating community and bringing people together. Experience has shown that one person, all alone, can never heal another. A one-to-one situation is not a good situation. It is important to bring broken people into a community of love, a place where they feel accepted and recognized in their gifts, and have a sense of belonging. That is what wounded people need and want most.

– Jean Vanier, *Becoming Human*