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Work-Based Learning Experience by Degree Program

Students at CCRI may participate in multiple work-based learning (WBL) experiences throughout their time at the college. This document outlines required WBL courses within degree programs for the 2025-2026 academic year, with a focus on terminal degrees. WBL experiences span a range, often varying based on class level, learning objectives, and the nature of the engagement with industry partners.




The 'WBL Type Key' is provided below.

WBL Type	Description
Exploration	<i>Learning ABOUT work.</i> Students explore career interests relevant to their degree. These types of experiences – like employer panels or site visits – often occur in more introductory courses and involve one industry partner touchpoint.
Preparation	<i>Learning FOR work.</i> Students engage in industry-relevant workplaces activities, simulations, and experiences. These types of experiences – like employer-involved classroom projects and case studies – often occur in intermediate-level courses and involve multiple touchpoints with an industry partner.
Training	<i>Learning THROUGH work.</i> Students apply their academic and career skills towards opportunities that mirror a particular occupation. These experiences – such as clinicals or internships – often occur in advanced-level courses and involve frequent and sustained industry partner engagement.

Path	Degree Program	WBL Class(es)	WBL Experience(s) <i>Students will:</i>	WBL Type
 <p>Arts and Humanities</p>	<i>Fine Arts, Art - Associate in Fine Arts</i>	ARTS 1500: Fine Arts Seminar [^]	Participate in a professionally designed group exhibition.	Preparation
	<i>Fine Arts, Jazz Studies OR Music - Associate in Fine Arts</i>	<i>(Music Concentration)</i> MUSC 1200: Chamber Ensemble (Band) [^] OR MUSC 1210: Chorus [^] OR MUSC 1220: Chamber Singers [^]	Participate in professional choral performances for various audiences.	Preparation
		<i>(Jazz Studies Concentration)</i> MUSC 1180: Jazz Ensemble [^]	Participate in a professional, public performance for various audiences.	Preparation
	<i>Fine Arts, Theatre-Performance OR Theatre-Technical - Associate in Fine Arts</i>	<i>(Option for both Performance and Technical)</i> THEA 1180: Stage Lighting and Sound Production	Participate in a theater production for a public audience.	Preparation
	<i>General Studies – Associate in Arts</i>	<i>More details coming soon!</i>	<i>More details coming soon!</i>	N/A
	<i>Liberal Arts - Associate in Arts</i>	<i>More details coming soon!</i>	<i>More details coming soon!</i>	N/A




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Business, Economics and Data Analytics 	<i>Business Administration, Accounting - Associate in Science in Business</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
	<i>Business Administration, Financial Services - Associate in Science in Business</i>			
	<i>Business Administration, General Business - Associate in Science in Business</i>	BUSN 2050: Principles of Management [^]	Conduct informational interviews with employers about their management experience.	Exploration
	<i>Business Administration, Management - Associate in Science in Business</i>			
	<i>Business Administration, Marketing - Associate in Science in Business</i>			
	Communication, Media and Film 	<i>Culinary Craftsmanship Associate Degree</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.
		BSTM 2499: Cooperative Work Experience [^]	Demonstrate increased levels of expertise by working at a culinary-related field placement.	Training
Communication, Media and Film 	<i>Communication and Media, Communications - Associate in Arts</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
	<i>Communication and Media, Film - Associate in Arts</i>	COMM 1201: Radio Production [^] OR FILM 2100: Television Production [^] OR (for the Journalism degree) JOUR 1200: Newspaper Production [^]	Support CCRI's radio, TV channel, or newspaper through hands-on planning, operational, technical, and production projects.	Preparation
	<i>Communication and Media, Journalism - Associate in Arts</i>	COMM 2490: Field Experience [^]	Gain real-world experience through a Communication and Media-related field experience/internship.	Training





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Education, Government, and Human Services 	<i>Criminal Justice – Associate in Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
		CJUS 1000: Policing in Contemporary America [^]	Conduct informational interviews with law enforcement professionals.	Exploration
		CJUS 1010: Exploring Criminal Justice [^]	Explore various criminal justice careers of interest through engagement with various employer partners.	Preparation
		CJUS 1020: Criminal Procedure [^]	Experience criminal procedures by attending an arraignment and/or criminal trial.	Exploration
	<i>Education, Early Childhood Education and Child Development - Associate in Arts</i>	HMNS 1210: Field Experience and Seminar I – Child Development [^]	Progressively develop their caregiving and teaching competencies from entry-level to more advanced field placements.	Training
		HMNS 2310: Field Experience Seminar II – Child Development [^]		
		HMNS 2410: Field Experience Seminar III – Child Development [^]		
	<i>Education, Education/Special Education - Associate in Arts</i>	HMNS 1220: Field Experience and Seminar I – Education/ Special Needs [^]	Progressively refine their skills of behavior management, assessment, instructional methodology and lesson development from entry-level to more advanced field placements.	Training
		HMNS 2320: Field Experience Seminar II – Education/ Special Needs [^]		
		HMNS 2420: Field Experience Seminar II – Education/ Special Needs [^]		
	<i>Legal Studies, Paralegal – Associate in Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
		LAWS 2095: Legal Research and Writing II [^]	Partner with industry partner mentors over the course of the semester to compile a professional portfolio.	Preparation




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<p>(Continued) Education, Government, and Human Services</p> 	<p><i>Social Service - Associate in Arts</i></p> <p><i>Majors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aging and Older Adults</i> • <i>Mental Health</i> • <i>Social Work</i> • <i>Substance Use Disorder</i> 	<p>HMNS 1200: Practicum I – Service Learning[^]</p> <p>HMNS 2340 OR 2360: Field Experience Seminar[^] (by Major)</p> <p>HMNS 2440 OR 2460: Field Experience Seminar III[^] (by Major)</p>	<p>Progressively develop their client assessment and intervention skills from entry-level to more advanced field placements.</p>	<p>Training</p>
<p>Environment and Sustainability</p> 	<p><i>Environment, Sustainability, and Management - Associate in Science</i></p>	<p>COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals[^]</p> <p>BSTM 2499: Cooperative Work Experience[^]</p>	<p>Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.</p> <p>Demonstrate increased levels of expertise by working at a placement related to their college-career interests (such as greenhouses, plant breeding farms, laboratories, etc.).</p>	<p>Exploration</p> <p>Training</p>




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Health and Health Administration 	<i>Dental Hygiene - Associate in Applied Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration	
		DHYG 2045: Community Dental Health II [^]	Apply principles of dental hygiene to a supervised externship in a dental health facility.	Training	
		DHYG 2050: Periodontics [^]	Gain a deeper knowledge of periodontal structures through in a surgical observation in a dental facility.	Preparation	
		DHYG 2060: Dental Hygiene IV [^]	Shadow a Registered Dental Hygienist in a dental practice.	Preparation	
	<i>Diagnostic Medical Sonography -Associate in Applied Science</i>	<i>Concentrations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Ultrasound • Echocardiography • Vascular 	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
			DMSD 2241, 2242, and 2243: General Ultrasound Practicums I [^] , II [^] , and III [^]	Gain advanced clinical assessment skills under the supervision of a Registered Sonographer.	Training
			DMSD 2263, 2264, and 2265: Echocardiography Practicums I [^] , II [^] , and III [^]	Develop clinical skills of transthoracic adult cardiac sonographic examinations under the supervision of a Registered Echocardiographer.	Training
			DMSD 2253, 2254, and 2255: Vascular Practicums I [^] , II [^] , and III [^]	Gain advanced clinical scanning experience under the supervision of a registered Vascular Sonographer.	Training
	<i>Fire Science - Associate in Applied Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration	
		FIRE 1130: Emergency Medical Technician Basic [^]	Participate in a clinical experience in the emergency room of an affiliated hospital.	Training	
	<i>Histotechnician - Associate in Applied Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration	




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<p>(Continued) Health and Health Administration</p> 		HSTO 1320: Histotechnology II [^]	Participate in the practical application of increasingly advanced principles and techniques of histological procedures	Training		
		HSTO 2310: Histotechnology III [^]				
		HSTO 2320: Histotechnology IV [^]				
	<p><i>Medical Laboratory Technology - Associate in Applied Science</i></p>		MLTC 1930: Phlebotomy for Medical Laboratory Technicians II [^]	Become more proficient in phlebotomy through a clinical laboratory experience.	Training	
			MLTC 1940: Clinical Immunohematology [^]	Participate in a clinical internship in a laboratory environment.	Training	
			MLTC 1950: Clinical Urinalysis [^]	Practice urinalysis examinations in a clinical experience.	Training	
			MLTC 2910: Clinical Microbiology II [^]	Practically apply principles and techniques related to clinical bacteriology, mycology, and parasitology testing.	Training	
			MLTC 2920: Clinical Hematology II [^]			
			MLTC 2990: Clinical Chemistry II [^]			
	<p><i>Nursing - Associate in Science</i></p>		COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration	
			NURS 1010: Fundamentals of Nursing [^]	Observe and practice course content in laboratory and clinical settings.	Training	
			NURS 1020: Medical Surgical Nursing I [^]	Observe and practice course content in laboratory and clinical settings.	Training	
		<p><i>Nursing, LPN to RN - Associate in Science in Nursing</i></p>		NURS 1023: Mental Health Nursing [^]	Observe and practice course content in laboratory and clinical settings.	Training
				NURS 2040: Medical/Surgical Nursing II [^]	Observe and practice course content in laboratory and clinical settings.	Training
				NURS 2050: Maternal and Child Health Nursing [^]	Observe and practice course content in laboratory and clinical settings.	Training
	<p><i>Occupational Therapy Assistant - Associate in Applied Science</i></p>		COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration	
			OCTA 1060: Level I Fieldwork	Participate in a clinical observation.	Preparation	
			OCTA 2030: Occupational Therapy Assistant Fieldwork IIA	Provide OT services to clients in an interprofessional manner and under	Training	




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	<i>Physical Therapist Assistant – Associate in Applied Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals^	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
	<i>Practical Nursing - Diploma</i>	NURP 1010: Fundamentals of Nursing^	Apply theory to clinical practice in the care of patients.	Training
		NURP 1020: Practical Nursing 2^	Apply theory to clinical practice in medical-surgical facilities.	Training
		NURP 1030: Practical Nursing 3^	Apply theory to clinical practice in the support of maternity, pediatric, psychiatric, and geriatric patients.	Training
	<i>Radiography - Associate in Applied Science</i>	XRAY 1010: Clinical Radiography^	Be assigned to a four-week clinical rotation at the end of the course.	Training
		XRAY 1910: Radiography I^	Engage in practical application of the course content in the lab and at an affiliated hospital.	Training
		XRAY 1920: Radiography II^	Engage in practical application of the course content in the lab and at an affiliated hospital.	Training
		XRAY 1930: Radiography III^	Expand their working knowledge of computer-assisted imaging modalities in a hospital setting.	Training
		XRAY 2910: Radiography IV^	Perform specialized and highly technical radiography procedures at a clinical affiliate.	Training
		XRAY 2920: Radiography V^	Engage in comprehensive examinations, including observations in a clinical setting.	Training
	<i>Respiratory Therapy – Associate in Applied Science</i>	RESP 1800: Clinical Practicum I^	Demonstrate increased levels of respiratory therapy skills application in supervised, clinical experiences.	Training
		RESP 2800: Clinical Practicum II^		
		RESP 2810: Clinical Practicum III^		
		RESP 2820: Clinical Practicum IV^		




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<p>(Continued) Health and Health Administration</p> 	<p><i>Surgical Technology – Associate in Applied Science</i></p>	<p>COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals^</p>	<p>Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.</p>	<p>Exploration</p>
		<p>SURG 2500: Surgical Technology Clinical Internship^</p>	<p>Participate in 120 hours of clinical rotations, while engaging in various surgery procedural duties.</p>	<p>Training</p>

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Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics 	<i>Advanced Manufacturing and Design – Associate in Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
		ETCN 2500: Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Practicum/Capstone [^]	Spend 140 hours in a manufacturing environment setting up and operating CNC machine tools under the guidance of full-time employees.	Training
	<i>Applied Engineering and Energy Systems – Associate in Science</i>	ENGR 1020: Introduction to Technology and Engineering [^]	Engage in a panel of engineers and complete a related assignment.	Exploration
		AEES 2500: Capstone Energy Audit [^]	Present their comprehensive building energy audit project to an industry partner.	Preparation
	<i>Chemical Technology – Associate in Applied Science</i>	CHMT 2421: Chemical Technology V [^]	<i>Complete chemical industry-related projects under the guidance of local businesses in the field.</i>	Training
	<i>Computer Studies and Information Processing, Computer Programming – Associate in Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
		COMI 2530: Introduction to Software Engineering [^]	Work together in a team on a software development project with the support of an industry partner.	Preparation
	<i>Computer Studies and Information Processing, Computer Support Specialist – Associate in Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals [^]	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
	<i>Computer Studies and Information Processing, Networking Technology – Associate in Science</i>			
	<i>Computer Studies and Information Processing, Web Technologies – Associate in Science</i>	COMP 1230: Systems Analysis and Design [^]	Collaborate with their peers to solve a case study with an end user.	Preparation



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<p>(Continued) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</p> 	<i>Cybersecurity – Associate in Science</i>	COMP 2500: Cybersecurity Practicum/Capstone Course^	Spend 10 hours per week of field work under the guidance of industry professionals.	Training
	<p><i>Engineering - Associate in Science</i></p> <p><i>This degree path represents an Engineering transfer program with the following tracks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Biomedical</i> • <i>Chemical</i> • <i>Civil</i> • <i>Computer</i> • <i>Electrical</i> • <i>Industrial</i> • <i>Mechanical</i> • <i>Ocean</i> 	<p>ENGR 1020: Introduction to Technology and Engineering</p> <p><i>Additionally, students can expect to engage in rigorous WBL experiences upon transfer to URI.</i></p>	Engage in a panel of engineers and complete a related assignment.	Exploration
	<i>Science – Associate in Science</i>	COMM 1010: Communication Fundamentals^	Engage in a panel with an industry partner and complete a related project.	Exploration
		BIOL, CHEM, OR PHYS 2500: Applications in Science and Math^	Demonstrate an integration of knowledge and acquired abilities in an industry specific capstone project.	Preparation
	<i>Technical Studies – Associate in Applied Science</i>	Credit for prior learning	Receive up to 20 credits for prior occupational or technical training (e.g., apprenticeships, military training, etc.)	Prior Training