

## How do I Enroll in Work Based Learning?

1. Complete 2 years in a CTE Pathway.
2. Be at least 16 years of age when the school year begins.
3. Have access to transportation.
4. CTE Instructor recommendation and one other ICSD teacher or administrator recommendation.
5. Current resume.
6. Completed WBL application.
7. Interview.

## 3 Benefits of Work Based Learning for Rising Professionals:

1. *Development and practice of positive work-related habits and attitudes including the ability to think critically, solve problems, and work in teams.*
2. *Establishment of professional contacts for future employment.*
3. *Expansion and refinement of high-tech skills learned while pursuing pathway completion.*

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## What is Work Based Learning?

Itawamba Career and Technical Center Work Based Learning (WBL) provides rising professionals with real-life work experiences where they combine the academic and career pathway skills they have learned and apply them to an internship, apprenticeship, or paid work experience. WBL is a key component of the Career and Technical Education learning experience. Internship and work-based learning experiences occur in a work setting, typically at an off campus worksite. Apprenticeship positions occur at the ICTC, Mantachie High School, or Tremont High School and are overseen by the Career Pathway Instructor. The work-based learning activities are coordinated with soft-skills activities such as communication, leadership, teamwork, problem solving, and time management.



## What does a WBL Day Look Like?

Each rising professional enrolled in WBL will follow a schedule specifically tailored to meet their career pathway objectives. Some may complete their WBL hands-on experience during the school day while others may complete theirs after school hours. All WBL rising professionals will begin the school year in a face to face setting at the ICTC, during their block scheduled for WBL. This time will be dedicated to developing not only soft skills but also skills such as financial literacy and portfolio management. During the school year, rising professionals will continue the development of these skills through independent activities. Rising professionals are required to communicate with the WBL Instructor on a regular basis through email, phone, Canvas, and/or face to face methods. WBL rising professionals are required to complete a minimum of 140 hands-on hours to receive credit for the course.



## What are WBL Graduates Saying?

- "Before I took the CPE course, I couldn't handle change or adapting to new things all that great. During the first semester, I was always panicked and rushed to finish my work. However, in the second semester, I started to work more and more on how I can adapt better in the workplace. If it were not for this class I would still be a nervous wreck whenever I was faced with a real challenge." - Digital Media Pathway and WBL Completor
- "I believe CPE has benefited me in preparation for my future. CPE has made me understand the importance of attire and attitude during interviews. It has made me learn time management skills by turning in time sheets and assignments. It has also allowed me to realize the importance of having good relationships with coworkers and customers because you deal with them everyday." - Agriculture Pathway and WBL Completor
- "CPE has helped me in so many ways that it is unreal. It has helped me to get out in the community and build my character not only as a student and a worker but as a person. It has helped me with knowing where I want to go in the future. It has helped open so many doors with potential jobs and options for me in the future; I will not have to worry about finding a job. One of the key things to have in CPE is the drive to succeed. This class has given me just that. If you have that drive to succeed then you will go very far in your pathway. Take it from someone who was shy and afraid to talk to a stranger, but now that I have that little taste of talking to strangers everyday in the clinic it's now second nature to me. I couldn't have asked for a better opportunity to grow for the future, than this class." - Health Sciences Pathway and WBL Completor

