



Are you interested in training tomorrow's workforce while employing great help now?

If so, the Work-based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship Collaborative might be a good fit for your business. This program enables you to:

- Build strong connections with schools and community partners
- Hire, train, and retain the next generation of industry professionals
- Contribute to the college and career readiness of high school students
- Mentor students in professional competencies and technical skills
- Motivate and support students as they explore additional training and education beyond high school

Got Questions ??
We've Got Answers!
Check out the next page.



Are you a
business owner
or employer?

If so, you're in the
right place!

NEXT STEPS

GPS Education Partners (GPSEd) provides employers with onboarding and training for students who are matched with their company's particular workforce needs. To learn more, contact [Jeff Ziegler](#).

Project Hire-Ed, College of DuPage's apprenticeship program, can connect you with apprenticeship candidates to fill your workplace needs. For more information, contact them at [Project Hire-Ed](#).

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Frequently Asked Questions

➔ What is work-based learning, including the pre-apprenticeship model?

Work-based learning represents a continuum of on-the-job, career exploration experiences. Depending on the grade level of the student, activities could include business tours, job shadowing, internships (a few days or weeks, up to a semester), and paid pre-apprenticeship employment. Students can earn high school credit for participating in apprenticeship and internship programs, and in some cases, they may be able to earn credit for future apprenticeship programs beyond high school.

➔ Why engage in work-based learning?

Work-based learning programs, including youth apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship, provide opportunities for high school students to experience, and gain skills in a real work environment. Simultaneously, they give businesses a chance to inspire and develop a new generation of talent.

➔ How are students placed in businesses for pre-apprenticeship jobs?

Student candidates complete an interest survey that includes questions about their course work, prior work experience, access to reliable transportation, and hours that they can work. In turn, GPS Education Partners works hand-in-hand with school districts to place students with employers that are in close proximity to the school. The student's readiness and career goals will also play important roles in the placement process.

➔ If employers want to participate, what is the next step?

To learn more about the pre-apprenticeship program and other opportunities for hosting work-based learning experiences (facility tours, job shadowing, internships, etc.), contact Jeff Ziegler, Business Partner Services, at jziegler@gpsed.org.

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Preparing today's students for tomorrow's careers