

HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION
CATE Internship, Work-based Credit Bearing Course

Health Science 5590
Includes: HS, EMS, HI, BMS

Sports Medicine 5591
Includes only SM

Work-based credit refers to education experiences that primarily occur outside the classroom in cooperation with high school athletic departments, hospitals and healthcare business partners.

Pre Requisites: Level 1 & 2 in the Health Science Path that the student chooses; General Health Science, Sports Medicine, EMS, Health Informatics, or Biomedical Science.

Health Science (5590) and Sports Medicine (5591) work-based credit bearing courses have experiences that provide opportunities for students to enter the workplace for a specified period of time to gain skills and knowledge in health science and sports medicine. Typically, students in secondary level programs participate in internships where they apply formal classroom learning to actual work situations. Students' workplace activities may include working on special projects, sampling tasks from different jobs, and learning tasks related to a single occupation.

Work-based credit experiences should include at least 120 contact hours for 1 unit.

Only one unit may be counted towards being a completer in the 4 unit completer pathway. (These courses are not counted in a 3 unit completer path) Additional units earned may be counted as elective credit. This course code may only be used one time over the course of the student's enrollment in high school.

Internships may be paid or unpaid experiences depending upon the arrangement agreed upon by the employer, school, student and parent/guardian.

CATE Internship, Work-Based Credit Bearing Course: An internship that is a structured, work-based credit bearing course that is taken in a Career and Technology Education (CATE) Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP)-coded program. Each work-based learning (credit-bearing) course has an assigned CATE course code, and guidelines must be followed in order to award one Carnegie unit of credit upon successful completion of the course. The student is supervised by a content-specific, certified teacher completing a minimum of 120 practical experience hours or the highest number of hours required by the industry-defined competencies within the career pathway. The Work-Based Learning credit-bearing course must be a part of the student's major and/or IGP. Curriculum standards and employability skills are specific to the CATE course and must be mastered during the work-based experience and documented. Graded assignments are required and in alignment with course standards. Regularly scheduled worksite visits are conducted by the supervising teacher and documented. All required paperwork, training agreement, and worksite evaluation between the high school student and sponsoring worksite is completed and kept on file for at least two years after the participating student graduates from high school. The course is held accountable to the supervising instructor and approved through the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), Office of Career and Technology Education's (OCTE) designated Program Education Associate.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), Office of Career and Technology Education (OCTE) regulations and guidelines for Work-Based Learning Credit Bearing Courses are listed below. Questions related to interpretation or implementation of

these regulations and guidelines should be directed to the OCTE Program Education Associate in the OCTE.

Definition & Guidelines

A CATE Internship Work-Based Learning Course (Credit-Bearing) is a structured, stand-alone course that is taken in a CATE Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP)-coded program. Each Work-Based Learning Credit-Bearing course has an assigned CATE course code. *The following guidelines must be followed in order to award course credit upon successful completion of the credit bearing course.*

- **Each student must be supervised by a content-specific, certified teacher or designated school personnel. Example: Certified Health Science Technology Instructor supervises health science student participating in credit-bearing course.**
- **One unit of course credit is granted for the satisfactory completion of the approved course in which a student completes at least 120 practical experience hours or more, yearly, as outlined in the SC State Board of Education Regulation: 43-234 Defined Program Grades 9-12.**
- **The CATE Internship Work-Based Credit-Bearing Course is closely related to a content- specific CATE course.**
- **Only one unit of the CATE Internship Work-Based Learning Credit-Bearing Course may be awarded toward CATE completer status.**
- **The CATE Internship Work-Based Learning Credit-Bearing Course code can be used only one time.**
- **The CATE Internship Work-Based Learning Credit-Bearing Course can be taken:**
- ***While actively enrolled* in the third unit of an approved sequence of Career and Technology Education coursework leading to a career goal**

OR

- ***After* completing the third unit of an approved sequence of Career and Technology Education coursework leading to a career goal**
- **The CATE Internship Work-Based Learning Credit-Bearing Course must be aligned with the student's Individual Graduation Plan (IGP).**
- **A mutually developed training agreement which defines a combination of objectives/skills to be mastered specific to the CATE course and industry-defined competencies within the career pathway must be documented and kept on file for at least two years after the student graduates from high school.**
- **Graded assignments related to the course content and aligned to the school's grading scale are required.**
- **Regularly scheduled and unannounced work-site visits are to be conducted by the supervising teacher and documented.**
- **A worksite evaluation should be conducted during the internship experience created from the training agreement and aligned with the world-class skills and characteristics from the Profile of the SC Graduate.**
- **Summer WBL Credit-Bearing Course experience hours, which begin on July 1, may be counted toward the number of hours required for the school year if the work experience is supervised by a school instructor.**
- **Each school district provides Certificate of Insurance Liability and evidence of student insurance coverage with respect to participating in a work-based learning experience to SC School Boards Property/Casualty Insurance Trust Fund and SC School Boards Workers Compensation Insurance Trust Fund.**
- **All required paperwork must be complete and kept on file for at least two years after the student graduates from high school.**