



Q. What if I didn't receive a copy of the handbook?

A. Visit www.alapprentice.org to download a copy.

Q. Is cooperative education paid only, not unpaid?

A. Yes.

Q. I know CoOp indicates an academic credit is earned. What about an unpaid internship? Do they earn academic credit?

A. It depends on who is running the internship. Internships arranged through academic institutions may be associated with academic credit, while other internships directly established by employers may have no connection with academic credit but are instead used as recruitment tools or evaluation periods prior to making job offers to new talent.

Q. How would you categorize the FAME program?

A. FAME is OJL—it is paid employment; the student is earning credit. The work is tied directly to the field of study, but currently no FAME programs have applied to be registered apprenticeships or AIRAPS.

Q. What is the most effective way to engage employers?

A. There is no single best way to engage with employers. It depends on whether you're seeking to engage a group of employers or a single employer. A recommended place to start is by connecting with the organizations who bring employers together on a regular basis, specifically your Regional Workforce Council (get to know the Executive Director), your local chambers, and your economic development agencies.

Q. How can our third-party credentials fit into this system?

A. We can use the credentials as proof of content knowledge and ability to apply that knowledge in the workplace. This is reinforced by the work done by the ACCCP, and it is important for WBL practitioners to stay informed about which credentials are valuable to employers.

Q. How effective has Ready to Work been?

A. RTW was initially developed by employers and has the content that they need. RTW is highly respected and regarded as very effective, and the expansion of RTW in high schools, colleges, and adult education programs is an indicator of this.

Q. Where does Ready to Work fall, and is there a possibility of it being embedded into the curriculum at all high schools?

A. That depends on how it's being utilized. RTW can fall anywhere along the continuum. ACCCP has identified entry-level employability skills for every occupation. K-12 is maintaining focus on the Big 5 employability skills mentioned in the handbook. Schools have the option to establish stand-alone or embedded programs, and many are taking advantage of this opportunity.

Please note that due to the hybrid format of the original webinar presentation, we weren't able to capture all of the live questions but hope to address all questions posed in the remaining webinars in the series.