Preliminary Regional Results for Applied and Work-Based Learning Surveys

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Applied and Work-Based Learning Assessment

- Colleges administered surveys to all faculty and key staff to inform the development of the WBL system in the region
- ➤ SWP workgroup will work with newly hired WBL Coordinators, Job Placement Case Managers, and other staff to use the assessment data to build processes and support outcomes at the colleges

Purpose of the Assessment

- ➤ Establish overall status of WBL at the campuses
- Examine quality features to inform professional development and improvement
- > Identify challenges to inform systemic reforms
- ➤ Identify needs for support

Work-Based Learning Continuum

Career Awareness

Learning ABOUT work.
Build awareness of the variety of careers available and the role of postsecondary education; broaden student options.

Career Exploration

Learning ABOUT work.
Explore career options and postsecondary for the purpose of motivating students and to inform their decision making in high school and postsecondary education.

Career Preparation: Practicum and Internships

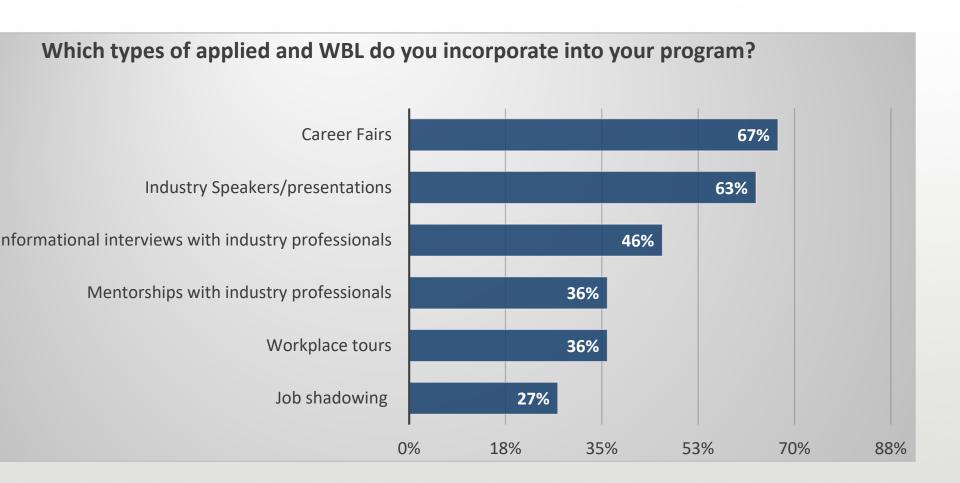
Learning THROUGH work. Apply learning through practical experience that develops knowledge and skills necessary for success in careers and postsecondary education.

Career Training

Learning FOR work.
Train for employment
and/or postsecondary
education in a specific range
of occupations.

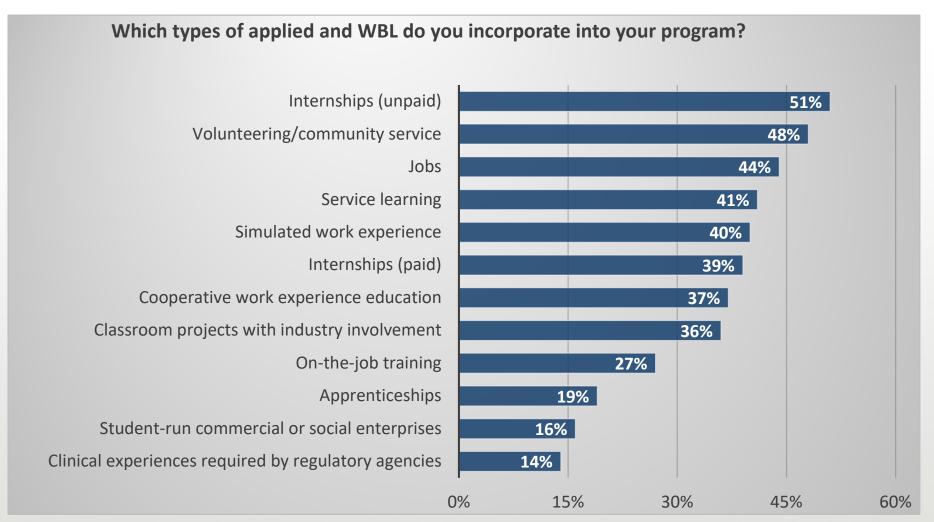
Source: Linked Learning Alliance (2012).

Assessment Results: WBL Career Awareness & Exploration Opportunities



Assessment Results:

WBL Career Preparation & Training Opportunities



Assessment Results: Challenges

The most frequently reported challenges were:

- Students' need to work for their livelihoods, making it difficult to take unpaid or temporary internships
- Lack of paid intensive workplace learning opportunities (such as paid internships)
- Students' overall lack of time for any extra experiences
- Time required to engage employers and coordinate student placements
- Lack of student preparedness and required skills
- Lack of staff to broker opportunities

Assessment Results: Support Needed

- ➤ Supports needed (from Survey):
 - Preparing students for work-based learning experiences
 - Support for placement of students
- ➤ Professional development needed:
 - Opportunities to hear about best practices
 - Services and resources for job placement
 - Support for WBL in classrooms
 - Embedding WBL into curriculum
 - First hand WBL experiences (faculty job shadow or internship)

Recommendations for Expanding and Improving WBL

- Increase awareness about applied and WBL opportunities (communication and technology)
- Increase the number and types of applied and WBL opportunities
- Institutionalize and improve collaboration for more structure and support
- Create curriculum and learning opportunities related to industry or employability skills

- ➤ Incentivize students / help them see the relevance and importance
- Increase professional development
- ➤ Increase employer engagement
- Improve data and tracking systems
- ➤ Technology
- ➤ English language support

Next Steps

Goal:

Use these survey data to institutionalize WBL practices across the region

Next Steps:

- Onboarding for WBL Coordinators and Job Placement Case Managers (JPCMs)
- ➤ Provide college level teams, including WBL Coordinators, JPCMs, and existing WBL staff from each college, data from all 4 surveys for review
- Establish WBL Community of Practice (CoP) including teams from each campus
- Convene WBL CoP to review regional and college data, explore implications for individual colleges and the region as a whole, and conduct SWOT analyses for strategic planning
- Work with WG 6 to map employer engagement and WBL processes