

# WORK-BASED LEARNING

Students get...

- Career exploration and training
- The opportunity to apply technical, academic and employability skills
- Mentoring and networking opportunities from occupational experts
- An understanding of the world or work

**Employers get...** 

- Access to a pipeline of skilled and motivated potential future employees
- Improved employee retention
- Reduced training/recruitment costs
- The opportunity to mentor the next generation of workforce leaders

#### TYPES OF WORK-BASED LEARNING

## Service Learning

Service learning integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities.

### Mentoring

A mentor is a volunteer from the business and industry community that helps students become aware of career opportunities and work ethics in a one-to-one relationship that goes beyond the formal obligations of a teaching or supervisory role.

## Job Shadowing

Job shadowing gives students the opportunity to learn through on-the-job observation of an individual in a chosen occupation.

### School-Based Enterprises

School-based enterprises are simulated or actual business conducted within a school that are designed to replicate a specific business or segment of an industry. They assist students in acquiring work experience related to their chosen career cluster/pathway.

### Internships

Internships give students the opportunity to have on-the-job training with one employer. This type of experience can be classified as short or long-term, as well as a paid or non-paid.

#### Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship gives students a deeper understanding of economic principles and the opportunity to apply classroom learning by organizing and operating a business.

#### Cooperative Education

Cooperative education is a paid, long-term educational program consisting of in-school instruction combined with program related on-the-job work experience in a business or industrial establishment.

#### Registered Apprenticeship

Registered apprenticeship is a work-based learning model regulated by the U.S. Department of Labor that leads to a nationally-recognized credential known as a Journeyperson Certificate.

Kentucky's youth/pre-apprenticeship model is known as
Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky (TRACK).



