WORK EXPERIENCE

Santa Barbara City College offers two types of Work Experience:

- General Work Experience
- Occupational Work Experience

General Work Experience

General Work Experience 290 provides opportunities for students to practice effective work habits, attitudes and career awareness in actual job settings. Units are based on the number of hours worked throughout the semester.

For each semester of Work Experience 290, the student is required to complete a job-oriented, workplace project in order to show evidence of new or expanded responsibilities or learning opportunities beyond those experienced during previous employment.

Internships and Volunteer Experience

Internships and volunteer experience can be a powerful career development tool. Units are based on the number of hours completed. To receive academic credit for internships and volunteer experience, sign up for WEXP 290 (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/search/?P=WEXP%20290).

Occupational Work Experience

This type of work experience combines on-the-job training with classroom instruction, enabling the student to enter and/or progress in a chosen occupation. A student may earn 1-4 college units. A maximum of 16 units may be applied as electives toward an AA or AS Degree.

Contact the chairperson or faculty adviser of the respective department offering Occupational Work Experience for more information.

Credit Courses

Work Experience (WEXP)

WEXP 290 General Work Experience (1-4 Units)
Hours: 300 (300 lab)
Combines academic study and practical work experience to develop students’ marketable skills. Students pursue new or expanded responsibilities or learning opportunities beyond those experienced during previous employment. Student jobs need not be related to their educational goals. Students sign up for a unit load according to the number of hours they will work in a semester: 1 unit = 60 hours unpaid work or internship / 75 hours paid work or internship. Course restricted to 3 repetitions
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable