



VOLUME 4

CAREER READINESS BEGINS NOW

Brought to you by Southwestern College's Work Based Learning Coordinator Team

GENERAL INFORMATION

VISION: Students who are inspired, prepared and career ready

MISSION: Providing life-changing learning opportunities that prepare every student for a successful career

Welcome to Spring of 2021! We hope you had a restful and relaxing Holiday Season with your families, and are feeling recharged and ready for this semester!

As we begin 2021, we want to take a moment to look back at our work from 2020. Our Work-Based Learning (WBL) Team is happy to report that we were able to meet most of our goals, which included Opening Day Orientation Seminars, Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced Presentations, launching our Website, and developing and facilitating a WBL Certificate training program. None of this could have happened without your participation and support. We are very appreciative of your constructive feedback and improvement recommendations.

In the Spring of 2021, the WBL team will be offering 3 more presentations, another cohort of the Certificate Course, and will continue to work with faculty individually to develop new/enhanced Work-Based Learning opportunities! We look forward to your continued participation in our upcoming WBL opportunities. Registration links are below!

Here is to a great semester and 2021 year!

PD Schedule Spring 2021

- **Presentation #1:** Introduction Courses February 26th 10-12 p.m.
- **Presentation #2:** Intermediate Courses March 19th 1-3 pm.
- **Presentation #3:** Advanced/Capstone Courses April 23rd 10-12p.m.

****New participants only!***

Want to register?

Email Brandi Bass, Lead WBL Coordinator at bbass@swccd.edu



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TO GET STARTED!**

NEW SWC WBL RESOURCES! NEPRIS

Bringing industry professionals into the classroom for WBL activities is not an easy task; however, Southwestern College has invested in Nepris to make this process easier. Nepris is an online platform that connects faculty and students with a network of professionals, bringing real-world relevance and career exposure to students. Through Nepris's online platform, faculty can:

- host live webinars with career professionals within their classes
- allow students to watch pre-scheduled interactive webinars hosted by industry professionals within their field of study
- share videos with students related to their field, choosing from their video library of over 10,000 videos
- and allow students to engage in career exploration, showing students the top jobs, education required, salary information, and more within their desired career field
- and so much more!

Some SWC faculty that have used Nepris have said:

- **"I loved it. I will continue to use it in every class, each semester."**
- **"Nepris will be one of my go to resources due to the ease of accessing individuals from various industries all in one place."**
- **"My experience was Great! The students participated and our presenter was very helpful at answering their questions and sharing information. They learned various career paths within the industry as well as good organizations to connect with for networking opportunities."**

SWC'S WORK-BASED LEARNING WEBSITE IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Your Work-Based Learning (WBL) Coordinators recently launched Southwestern College's own WBL webpage. It provides faculty and staff with helpful resources, links, and ideas. This includes Canvas resources, syllabi language, upcoming professional development opportunities, and more. Whether you teach an introductory or Capstone course, there are many resources to help you easily and effectively integrate WBL into your course. Integrating WBL into your course has never been easier and is just a click away!



SWC'S WORK-BASED LEARNING CERTIFICATION COURSE UP AND RUNNING!

SWC's Work-Based Learning Coordinators Team recently launched its first WBL Certification Course, which included practical, hands-on, fast-paced work-based learning. The course provided the participants with an opportunity to get to know the history, the importance, and creative ways to incorporate opportunities into their classes.

17 Faculty members, representing 6 schools, participated in the 4-week long course during Fall 2020 semester and were very impressed with the content and opportunity to interact with class 'tour guides' Brandi Bass and Kathy McClelland. End-of-Course feedback included:

- **"This program shows faculty how to take the classroom to the next level! We all know that book learning is essential for a successful career, but practical experience shows students how to visualize themselves in a career setting. Learning from experienced professionals take classroom education to an advanced opportunity for the success of our students. The WBL Certification program is an excellent way to find new ways to boost student learning!"**
- Jackie Osborne
- **"Thank you for the informative course. The course did not require a ton of work, but I was able to explore options that I did not even know existed relating to work-based learning. I was also able to create/adapt certain projects for future actual use in a math course."** -Youssef Francis
- **"I would like to take this opportunity to tell how thankful I am to have taken this 4-week WBL course. Before joining the WBL course, I did not know that we had this many career options and opportunities that we can actually link students with. The WBL course had a plethora of information and ideas as to how we can make student learning more effective by connecting them to real-world opportunities. My favorite part was the connections I had made with our faculty members during the course. I got to learn so many things and from them as well. Thanks, everyone for giving me this great opportunity!"**
- Suganya Sankaranarayanan

The WBL Certification Course will be offered in Spring and Fall 2021; look for new dates and enroll as your schedule permits. We look forward to working with you!

**INTERESTED IN THE
WBL CERTIFICATE COURSE?**

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