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School-to-Work opportunities at Dauphin County Technical School include: Job Shadowing, Capstone Cooperative Education, and Service Learning.

Job Shadowing - The student-learner is an observer of what goes on during a typical day in business and/or industry. Job Shadowing visits can be for several hours, the entire day or, in some instances, more than one day.

Capstone Cooperative Education (Co-Op) - Cooperative Education is one segment of the school-to-work system that enables seniors to combine academic instruction with Career and Technical instruction through on-the-job training. The Cooperative Education experience may be paid or unpaid. Cooperative Education at Dauphin County Technical School is referred to as "CAPSTONE" or a completing element of a secondary Career and Technical Education experience. Co-Op employment must be related to the student's Program of Study. Participation in the Cooperative Education Program at DCTS is a privilege extended to qualified students to enhance their employability. The program provides a valuable connection when the student graduates and continues with post-secondary education or enters directly into the workforce.

Students who qualify for the Cooperative Education program will spend part of the school day in their academic classes and part of the day in either their Career or Technical program or at an approved Cooperative Education employment site.

Note: Prerequisite: Seniors Only

Students enrolled in programs such as Cosmetology, Health Careers, and Medical Assistant must meet program hour and/or certification requirements before participating in Cooperative Education.

Service Learning - Students are given the opportunity to combine their academic and Career and Technical instruction with a real-world experience. Service Learning experiences are for a limited amount of time and provide no job or wage entitlement. Service Learning:

- Benefits the community
- Is a teaching and learning approach that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities
- Promotes learning through active participation
- Provides structured time for students to reflect
- Provides opportunities to use skills and knowledge in real-life situations
- Fosters a sense of caring for others by providing a service to the community as volunteers
- Does not displace regular employees
- Provides no job or wage entitlement
- Provides established guidelines
- Provides outlined roles and responsibilities
- Requires a contract/agreement/plan needed between employer and school sponsor.



Please Note: All school-to-work opportunities require the supervisors/ volunteers of our students to obtain PA State Police, PA State Child Abuse, and/or Federal Criminal History Check/Child Protective Services Volunteer Affidavit.