



Digest

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CONSULTATION

Title: Title 5 Regulations, Cooperative Work Experience Education

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Issue

System-wide deliberations on updating Cooperative Work Experience Education title 5 changes have resulted in a series of Board of Governors actions. Actions updating these sections occurred at the July 2007 meeting and the May 2008 meeting. This proposed action should be the final element of program modernization, and is a relatively small modification which was inadvertently missed in the prior re-crafting of the pertinent title 5 sections. Without this proposed change potential, students faced a total enrollment cap instead of one that deals with one enrollment period. With the previous consolidation of "alternate" and "parallel" Cooperative Work Experience Education this modification is needed.

Background

Almost 40 years after the original deliberations regarding California Community Colleges Cooperative Work Experience Education, the workplace and circumstances of work have changed markedly. In response to suggestions by business and industry, faculty and practitioners in the field, updates to the title 5 cooperative work experience regulations have been made. The series of Board of Governors actions are detailed in the attachment.

This modification is supported by the Statewide Academic Senate by virtue of a Plenary Session resolution. It was also endorsed by the Statewide Advisory Committee on Work-Based Learning and Placement, and endorsed by both the Northern California and Southern California Cooperative Work Experience Education Coordinators groups.

Recommendation

That the Consultation Council approve forwarding the following proposal to the Board of Governors:

This proposal seeks the Board to add the clause "during one enrollment period" to title 5 section 55253(a)(1) as reflected below.

55253. College Credit and Repetition.

(a) For the satisfactory completion of all types of Cooperative Work Experience Education, students may earn up to a total of 16 semester credit hours or 24 quarter credit hours, subject to the following limitations:

(1) General Work Experience Education.

A maximum of six semester credit hours or nine quarter credit hours may be earned during one enrollment period in general work experience education.

(2) Occupational Work Experience Education.

A maximum of eight credit hours may be earned in occupational work experience education during one enrollment period ~~up to a total of 16 semester or 24 quarter credit hours.~~

(b) If a college offers only one course in occupational work experience in a given field and that course is not offered as a variable unit open-entry/open-exit course, the district policy on course repetition adopted pursuant to section 55040 may permit a student to repeat that course any number of times so long as the student does not exceed the limits on the number of units of cooperative work experience education set forth in subdivision (a). Consistent with section 58161, attendance of a student repeating a cooperative work experience course pursuant to this subdivision may be claimed for state apportionment.

Attachment 1: Synopsis of recent Title 5 changes pertaining to
Cooperative Work Experience Education

In addition to non-substantial technical cleanup, the following changes were made.

Board of Governor's July 2007 meeting

Section 55252, Types of Cooperative Work

The distinction between "Alternate" and "Parallel" cooperative work experience education was eliminated and these two types have been consolidated.

May 2008 Board of Governors meeting,

Section 55253. College Credit and Repetition

Section 55253 limits the total number of units of credit students can take in cooperative work experience courses. However, if a college only offers one occupational work experience course in a given field it is possible that students will not be able to accumulate the full 16 semester or 24 quarter units of work experience in that area before repeating the course for the maximum of four semesters or six quarters authorized for activity courses under section 55041. The amendment to Title 5 created an exception to the general rule for repetition of activity courses to allow students to take the full number of units of cooperative work experience, which would otherwise be allowed.

Section 55254. Student Qualifications

Section 55254 establishes eligibility requirements students must meet to be enrolled in cooperative work experience. It was amended to delete requirements related to enrollment in the parallel or alternate plans of cooperative work experience. The first phase of revisions to chapter 6 eliminated the distinction between the parallel and alternate plans but the reference to these plans in section 55254 was overlooked. The amendments resolve this problem.

Section 55255. District Services

Section 55255 describes services districts are to provide in support of cooperative work experience placements. One requirement is for the District to assign an Instructor / Coordinator (as defined in §53416, Minimum Qualifications for Work Experience Instructors or Coordinators) to conduct an in-person visit with the employer at least once each term. The amendment, which was suggested by practitioners in the field, will allow districts to authorize alternatives to the in-person visit under limited circumstances to be defined in guidelines adopted by the Chancellor.

**Attachment 2:
Statewide Academic Senate
2009 SPRING SESSION PLENARY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

**13.02 S09 Cooperative Work Experience Education
Dan Crump, American River College, Occupational Education Committee**

Whereas, Cooperative Work Experience Education (CWEE) is a program of education consisting of either supervised employment which is intended to assist students in acquiring desirable work habits, attitudes and career awareness (General Work Experience), or supervised employment extending classroom based occupational learning at an on-the-job learning station relating to the students' educational or occupational goals (Occupational Work Experience);

Whereas, Cooperative Work Experience education helps students acquire desired work habits and skill competencies that aid student success in the classroom and the workplace;

Whereas, Current Title 5 §55253 states that 1) six semester credit hours may be earned in General Work Experience and 2) a maximum of eight credit hours may be earned in Occupational Work Experience Education during one enrollment period up to a total of 16 semester credit hours; and

Whereas, There have been requests to raise the credit hours allowed for General Work Experience Education from the current limit of six hours to 16 hours (similar to Occupational Work Experience Education) to better facilitate student and employer needs, which is unanimously supported by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee for CWEE and the intersegmental faculty association, California Internship and Work Experience Association;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend changing the Title 5 limitation for General Work Experience from six to 16 credit hours .

MSC Disposition: Chancellor's Office, System Advisory Committee on Curriculum, Local Senate

Assigned: Representative to the System Advisory Committee on Curriculum