

## Education Through Work Experience:

### *Exploratory Experience Class*

This elective provides a learning experience beyond the classroom that will enable a student to make a better career decision.

*Exploratory Experience* is an **unpaid** off-campus course that provides students with an opportunity to explore their specific career interests by direct observation and hands on experience. The program has been designed to enable both business and community organizations to participate in providing quality education for students in the Palo Alto Unified School District. Professionals or individuals with established expertise serve as mentors for students (grade 10-12).

Placements in this program is limited to experiences that are developed through the school district and excludes community organizations such as clubs, private lessons, private home career sites and non-career focused service.

Certain prerequisites may be necessary for placement (i.e. some labs would like a student to have had chemistry and/or biology, architecture firms – drafting).

- Students must complete one semester in one particular field.
- Students interested in enrolling in the exploratory experience class must first meet with Mrs. Meri Gyves to discuss the appropriate placement. If arrangements are compatible for all parties involved (student, mentor, and teacher) enrollment is made for that semester through the counselor or advisor.

*Exploratory Experience* qualifies for career/vocational education credit (60 hrs = 5 credits per semester) approximately 4 hours per week.

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