

What are Virtual Workplace Experiences (VWE) Courses?

Virtual Workplace Experience (VWE) courses use virtual mentor interactions via Nepris and project-based learning exercises to help students master key workplace behaviors and communication skills.

VWE II enables students to explore career opportunities in Louisiana's high-demand industry sectors – no matter where they live - while generating thousands of dollars in CDF funds for their districts and schools.

All VWE course resources are free.

Why VWE II is Important

Virtual Workplace Experience II is a workplace-based learning (WBL) course that provides all students with a guided tour of Louisiana's best-paying careers.

Louisiana Career Awareness: VWE II provides all students - no matter where they go to school or their personal circumstances - dynamic opportunities to explore careers in Louisiana's high-demand industry sectors.

Project-Based Learning: VWE II emphasizes student-selected project-based learning. VWE II teachers customize the learning experience by offering their students their choice of tasks, reporting formats, and learning goals.

Easy-to-implement VWE II resources are available for free on the *All Things Jump Start* website using this link: [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/jump-start-pilot-programs-virtual-workplace-experience-resources-\(vwe\)](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/jump-start-pilot-programs-virtual-workplace-experience-resources-(vwe)) These resources (some available now, the rest available by June 2018) engage students' energy and imagination, while enhancing their workplace communication skills and personal confidence.

Micro-Industry Engagement: VWE II enables all students to engage with unfamiliar workplace adults working in Louisiana's high-wage, high-demand industry sectors. We've learned that students will be anxious at first about interacting with unfamiliar workplace adults. But after the fact, they will be thrilled with their own abilities. Completing mentor engagement projects will be among your students' most treasured high school memories.

Louisiana High-Demand Industry Sectors

VWE II offers students the opportunity to research and explore the industry sectors that drive Louisiana's economy and future prosperity.

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| • Healthcare and Pharmacy | • Advanced Manufacturing |
| • Construction Crafts / Skilled Trades | • Transportation, Trade and Logistics |
| • Information Technology | • Business Management and Finance |
| • Automotive Service and Repair | • Sales and Customer Service |

Getting Started: How Can You Offer VWE II to Your Students

Step 1: Register – use this link <https://microenterprise.wufoo.com/forms/zhcopp0vcuree/> to register as a teacher *interested* in VWE II. Registering does not commit you or your school . . . but by registering, you'll automatically receive information about in-person and online teacher training opportunities, as well as updates when new instructional resources are available.

Step 2: Get Trained – there are lots of training options, as you'll learn when you register. This will include self-tutorials, webinars, and in-person training options. While some training options are available, *teachers do not have to be certified in order to teach VWE II.*

Step 3: Schedule Your Students – use the course code 080207 to schedule your students for the one-credit VWE II course. VWE II is a universal course that applies to all Jump Start graduation pathways. Districts and charter schools will receive \$238 for every student registered in the VWE II (080207) course.

Step 4: Join the VWE II Community of Practice – by registering you automatically become part of a community of practice that will share VWE II teaching tips, instructional resources and success stories.

Act now to offer your students the Virtual Workplace Experience (VWE) II course in 2018-2019.

Implement VWE II to generate thousands of dollars more in CDF funds in 2018-2019.

Questions? Use the registration system HELP function: <https://microenterprise.wufoo.com/forms/zleaod10gzt81g/>