



# WHAT IS EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION?



Experiential education is a hands-on experience which can help us gain a lot of transferable skills. As education students, we can showcase the different skills we gain from placements and apply them to different career areas. In relation to the government and administrative objectives, they recognize Experiential education as being a crucial piece to learning, and they set out goals they want industries to achieve. Overall, Experiential education is beneficial to everyone and allows us to go into different career areas, gain new experiences, transferable skills, and new knowledge.

## Benefits

- Can occur outside of formal education settings
- Encourage critical literacy skills
- Improve the social emotional learning
- Motivate students
- Connect students with learning material



## Examples

- Research Development
- Practicum Experience
- Apprenticeships
- Field Experience
- Community Outreach



Here's an inside look within the field...



Experiential education, unlike popular opinion is a learning experience that is immeasurable, something we cannot physically see but takes place in formal and informal educational settings. By putting theory into practice, we as learners of experiential education gain knowledge through experience and placing the important ideas within the classroom to real world experiences. With all this mind, there are endless career opportunities within the field of experiential education and the field continues to be explored by those from different educational paths. Here are a few examples of possible careers:

Experiential Education  
Assistant

Associate Director of  
Experiential Education

- Communicating with students, faculty members and community partners
- Finding opportunity within various communities
- Relationships and connections with students, community partners, school/university partnerships
- Communicating with others and learning
- Locating and creating practicum placements for students

For a career in  
Experiential Education  
as an assistant or  
associate director, you  
only need the following:

- A BA Degree
- Community Experience
- A passion for community/student relationships



In this field, you will  
continue to foster and be  
a part of various diverse  
communities; the  
relationships you will  
have with students,  
partners and communities  
will be some of the most  
memorable and rewarding!



"The application of theory to a concrete experience, either within the classroom or within the community, which advances the learning outcomes of a course or program and requires students to reflect upon their learning" - Experiential Education, York U

For more resources, visit:

<https://www.yorku.ca/avptl/strategic-priorities-teaching-innovation/experiential-education-ee/>