



# Enhanced Coops and Mentorship Virtual Coop for High School

# Introduction to Early Childhood Coop 120: Explore your early childhood education career opportunities



Early Childhood Coop is a two or three-period coop program where students complete a placement in a licensed childcare centre and take an Early Childhood course online with a childcare facilitator. You'll earn credits in Cooperative Education 120 and in Early Childhood Services 120. You will also earn the Early Childhood Certificate that shows you're ready to work in any licensed childcare centre in the province. It's the same certificate many adults are working towards.

Some days you'll be working under the supervision of the child care centre, doing the same things as the staff. Other days, you work from the school on the online course and consult with the online facilitator for feedback and support. More than regular coop, you'll receive training and experience to help you pursue education in the early childhood diploma, youth studies programs or degree programs. You're on a pathway to work in licensed facilities, community organizations, family services, education and more.



## Mentorship Virtual Coop 120: Learn without limits by connecting to real experts in the field

Mentorship Virtual Coop 120 is a one-period coop program where you work from school with the virtual support and the guidance of an offsite mentor who has experience in your chosen career path. You'll complete the coop course and in your placement, you'll develop a program of study with your teacher and mentor. You'll work in the coop classroom, distance classroom, or from another spot in the school. Your mentor will expose you to what's happening in the field and help you build your understanding and excitement of your career path. Many students who have participated have had unique opportunities open up along the way.

Initially you'll work on the coop content, then you'll partner with a mentor. You'll virtually connect with your mentor a few times each week. Through video chat, phone calls, texts and email, you'll share your progress and receive feedback to focus your studies. Research, preparing presentations, developing training, designing experiments, and more – anything is possible. Through this course you gain access to mentors that may not otherwise be available in your community. You will develop a better understanding of what it takes to get where you want to go and will develop a relationship with your mentor who can help you check your ideas against the reality of their daily work.

## IDEA Centre Online

The IDEA (Innovation, Development, Entrepreneurship and Action) Centre program, facilitates student learning in the fields of entrepreneurship and community action. Hosted at the ConnexionWorks co-working space in Saint John, the site offers project-based instruction and support. It is available to any student who is not able to come to the face to face site at ConnexionWorks through an online environment. The program outcomes are designed to fill credit requirements for any two credits from the following courses: Co-Op 120, Economics 120, Entrepreneurship 120, Business Management and Organization 120 or Leadership 120.

Students from all over the province connect with students, teachers and mentors at the IDEA Centre and with other students from high schools in other parts of the province. Together through technology students who take the IDEA Centre program online develop their ideas through the outcomes of the course and with the assistance of the resources that the IDEA Centre provides. The course is delivered through the online high school at [nbvhs.nbed.nb.ca](http://nbvhs.nbed.nb.ca)

This course is a unique leadership opportunity for motivated high school students seeking a challenge and craving the opportunity to take their ideas beyond the walls of the school. The program develops student- led projects with support from local entrepreneurs and social innovators. By connecting to mentors in the private and public sector, the course provides a base from which students can productively receive support and guidance and ultimately grow their ideas into successful ventures.

More information can also be found here [www.ideacentrenb.ca](http://www.ideacentrenb.ca) or by contacting Ms. Stacey Wood @ [stacey.wood@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:stacey.wood@nbed.nb.ca)

## Long-Term Care Coop 120: Work-ready learning on the front lines of healthcare- AVAILABLE FALL 2021

Long-Term Care Coop 120 is a three-period coop program at a licensed long-term care facility where you complete classroom and practical training with students from across the province. You'll complete the coop course – working in a care facility with seniors and other individuals needing long-term care. You'll spend each morning at a care centre near your school. You'll earn credits towards graduation in Cooperative Education 120 and Health Care 110. You'll also receive employment ready recognition from the care facilities involved in the program. This means that students successfully completing the program will be eligible for a follow-up preceptorship (96 hour placement) and possible employment with these centres.

Mornings start with a live session, facilitated online, with an instructor experienced in delivering long-term care. After that, you'll hit the floor to work with onsite professionals to practice what you've learned. There is currently a shortage of long-term care workers, resident attendants and personal support workers in the province. Demand is high for these jobs that can begin at \$21/hour and include benefits. This employment potential would allow you to work part-time while attending post-secondary or further developing your skills on the job.