

What are Paid Work Experiences (PWE)?

Paid Work Experiences are for students that are eligible or potentially eligible for services with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR).

These experiences are very similar to internships and are conducted for a total of 90 hours. The students are paid an hourly stipend for working their 90 hours by TEC. We offer supervised or unsupervised experiences.

The student can be supervised 100% of the time during the 90 hours of work experience by a TEC Job Coach, if needed. TEC is an OVR provider for Paid Work Experiences.

PWE Process:

1. TEC will be sent a referral from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.
2. TEC will contact the students and parent/guardian to set-up an intake appointment.
3. Students will begin the process by meeting with a TEC Employment Specialist to go over the students' interests and develop an appropriate work site.
4. The Employment Specialist will also go over resume writing and various job skills before starting the 90 hours of work.
5. Once a work site has been agreed upon and the student is ready, The Work experience will start.
6. The student will work at a schedule that is feasible for all parties and work a total of 90 hours.

PWE Purpose

Students are subjected to real world work experiences within the community. Students often improve their self-esteem and become more independent. Students are taught appropriate work skills and social skills to assist in becoming productive members of society.

PWE Requirements

- ◇ Students must be enrolled in an educational program
- ◇ Ages 14-21
- ◇ OVR eligible
- ◇ Have a disability
- ◇ Willing to work with a local employer for 90 hours
- ◇ Referral must be made to TEC