



Career-Based Learning Experience: State-Certified Youth Apprenticeship

CBLE or WBL (Plan/Go)*

Definition

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) is a specific state-certified, school-supervised work-based learning program, operated by Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD). YA integrates school-based and work-based learning to instruct students in employability and occupational skills defined by Wisconsin industries. All YA Programs include Employability Skills Certification. Some YA Programs may include a DWD-certified Pre-Apprenticeship Program Certification. Students receive a minimum 450 hours in one calendar year for a Level I YA and a minimum 900 hours in two calendar years for a Level II YA.

State Certificate

Yes. See [Certificate of Occupational Proficiency \(YA certificate\)](#) for currently offered YA programs.

Course Credit

Yes

Number of Hours

- Minimum 450 hours in one calendar year for a Level I YA
- Minimum 900 hours in two calendar years for a Level II YA

Program Administration

- Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD)
- [Approved Youth Apprenticeship Consortium Directory](#)

Program Elements

- Juniors or seniors only
- Paid student positions
- Industry-developed skill standards
- Exposure to multiple aspects of an industry
- Skilled mentors assigned to train students
- Program curriculum guidelines for all programs
- Related classroom instruction concurrent with work-based learning
- Local program operation within uniform statewide parameters
- Performance evaluation of required skills

Documentation

DWD- [Specific Occupational Area Skill Standards Checklist](#). Click on specific program area for Skill Standards Checklist DWD Education/Training Agreement (ETA): DETW-9471-E

Resources

- DWD [YA Program Operations Manual](#)
- State Webpage: [Youth Apprenticeship](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Pre-Apprenticeship Programs](#)

Virtual Option

- See #15 Internship or Local Co-Op.
- Note: Adherence to program requirements is still expected unless indicated by DWD.

**Note: All six WBL criteria still need to be met.*

Excerpted from the [Wisconsin Guide to Implementing Career-Based Learning Experiences](#)