VCAL Structured Workplace Learning

Description

Structured workplace learning (SWL) provides an opportunity for students to apply the skills and knowledge they have learnt in their VCE VET program within an appropriately matched workplace. The learning experiences help students to relate the theoretical information to a real world work context and develop their employability skills.

Skill Development

A student can gain credit towards the VCE or VCAL by successfully participating in SWL and completing the workplace reflections. When the staff member has assessed a student's SWL program, the staff member will complete and sign the SWL Recognition Assessment Record and provide it to the school VASS administrator for result entry.

- a student will receive a Satisfactory (S) or a Not Satisfactory result (N) for units undertaken in the SWLR program

- a student can gain a maximum of 4 units of credit for SWLR

- a typical SWL program for a student will be one credit per year

- credit is available at VCE Units 1 and 2 level only and for all three levels of VCAL as general credits.

Workplace reflections are recorded in a Workplace Learning Record (WLR). A WLR must be completed by a student to be eligible for a SWLR credit. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain the WLR.

Unit Topics

The WLR has three sections:

- a learner profile

- VET units of competency learnings in the workplace

- student post-placement reflection.

Possible Assessment Tasks

The WLR evidence can be drawn from:

- observations at the workplace

- activities and tasks undertaken at the workplace

- learning from discussions with staff at the workplace

- workplace documents prepared or used to support workplace activities

- photos/videos of equipment/processes/workplace activities.

Note: the use of any workplace material should be discussed with the employer or workplace supervisor.

Career Options

Structured workplace learning provides students with the opportunity to integrate on-the-job experience with secondary study. It is delivered as part of either the VCE or the VCAL, VCE Industry and Enterprise or VCAL units. It provides:

- enhanced skill development
- practical application of industry knowledge
- assessment of units of competency
- achievement of some learning outcomes for VCE studies or VCAL units and
- enhanced employment opportunities.