



What is the STEP Program?



Summer Teacher Externship Program

An Externship invites an educator to STEP into the business world to gain first-hand knowledge of business operations for the purpose of incorporating workplace competencies into the classroom setting.

Goals for Externs:

- 1. Identify relationships between the workplace experience and his/her classroom in the following areas:**
 - Workplace decision-making
 - Problem-solving strategies
 - Hiring practices
 - Job readiness
 - Business practices
- 2. Create lesson plans which incorporate the above relationships and reflect Ohio's Career Development Key Topics**
- 3. Build relationships which will encourage the partnership between businesses and schools:**
 - Identify resource persons
 - Identify resources to assist students with career decisions
 - Experience the complexity of modern technological workplaces
 - Observe interactions of curriculum with the world of work

Benefits to Businesses

- Play a role in improving business literacy and education
- Promote the company's and industry's mission
- Receive valuable insights from teachers
- Give employees contact with educators and opportunities to interact with students
- Improve the preparation of entry-level workers through the development of modified curriculum and relevant classroom learning experiences

Benefits to Teachers

- Receive a stipend
- Gain awareness of current workplace competencies and attitudes
- May receive college credit or contact hours
- Be re-energized for teaching
- Learn to facilitate school-to-career transitions for students
- Develop a network with representatives from business and industry

Business participation requires a \$500 or \$1,000 donation to the BCAC to defray costs of the program. For more information contact Sewall Phelps, Assistant Superintendent at the Licking County Educational Service Center (740) 349-6084 (sphelps@laca.org).