

NGA Work-Based Learning Definitions Committee

Proposed Work-Based Learning Definition (updated 9/21/16)

Career-connected learning is a continuum of awareness, exploration, preparation, and work-experience activities aligned with curriculum and instruction to support participants' future career success. In ***work-based learning, a component of career-connected learning***, participants develop, apply, and are assessed on academic, technical, trade, and entrepreneurial skills. Work-based learning occurs through sustained interactions with industry or community professionals in real workplace settings or simulated environments in an educational institution that foster in-depth, first-hand engagement with the tasks required of a given career field.