Co-Curricular Experiential Learning Opportunities at the University of Toronto Scarborough

Experiential learning means learning from experience or learning by doing. Experiential learning allows you to learn new skills, understand workplace practice, acquire new knowledge and explore how your academic experiences can help you contribute to the broader community and society.

Similarly, co-curricular opportunities involves obtaining skills and experiences outside the classroom. Both experiential learning and co-curricular opportunities contribute to your overall student experience in a meaningful way.

This resource provides a comprehensive overview of the co-curricular experiential learning work opportunities available to students from the various areas which reside within the Office of Student Experience & Wellbeing at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

Academic Advising & Career Centre

The Academic Advising & Career Centre supports the UTSC community by hosting the campus’ Work Study program. This program enables eligible students to gain paid work experience on campus, while providing them with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge, strengthen skills and explore how academic studies translate to career possibilities. All Work Study positions are hosted on the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx) platform, and is documented on your Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Over 600 students engage in Work Study at UTSC each year. Work Study students set learning goals which helps to ensure intentionality about what knowledge and skills will be strengthened or developed in the role. Through the AA&CC, students can explore roles such as Study Skills Peer Coaches, Employment Peers, Get Started Coaches, and Professional & Grad School Peers.

AccessAbility Services

AccessAbility Services offers more than 500 Volunteer Note Taker opportunities and up to 30 volunteer positions on the AccessAbility Services Outreach Team. Outreach Team members work to raise awareness through educational campaigns about disability, accessibility, accommodations and services available to students.

We also offer a number of work study positions which give student leaders an opportunity to develop programming, marketing and outreach initiatives, and assist with facilitation of some student accommodations and supports.

All of these opportunities are eligible for validation on the Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and are available to students with or without a disability.
Athletics & Recreation

The Department of Athletics & Recreation hires hundreds of students each year with the intention that you will have the opportunity to learn about potential careers in the athletics and recreation field.

A great example of a student position within Athletics & Recreation that offers skill development and on-the-job learning and training is that of a MoveU Leader. This position gives you the opportunity to support the planning of annual events, liaising with departments and students across campus, and create volunteer shift schedules, lead weekly team meetings and delegate tasks to volunteers. Great skills for when joining the workforce!

Health & Wellness Centre

The Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) provides experiential learning opportunities including work study students working as Peer Supporters. In partnership with the Mood Disorders Association of Ontario, HWC provides the Peer-to-Peer Support program where UTSC students connect with a Peer Supporter to help navigate situations that may involve feelings of anxiety, sadness or loneliness. HWC counselors provide consultation and oversight throughout this experiential learning journey. Also, the Wellness Peer Programs inform students about how to access the HWC services and promotes healthy living in areas such as: mental wellness, sexual health, nutritional health, and substance use. These programs are delivered by a dedicated group of student volunteers and led by work study student coordinators.

International Student Centre

The International Student Centre supports UTSC’s global experiential education by hosting the Global Citizenship Certificate (GCC). The GCC prepares students for working and succeeding in a culturally diverse and rapidly changing world. Through a combination of workshops, intercultural community-engaged experiences, co-curricular activities and reflection, students gain a highly-valued global perspective, deepened understanding of human diversity, and enhanced understanding of local and global communities.

Students can be recognized with a Global Citizenship Certificate validation on the Co-Curricular Record (CCR).
Student Housing & Residence Life

At the heart of Student Housing & Residence Life are our amazing student leaders who make up the Residence Life Team (RLT). Composed of Residence Advisors (RA), Lead Residence Advisors (LRA), and Residence Engagement Facilitators (REF), all staff live in residence and have a collective goal of building a positive residence community that is inclusive, supported, and engaged. All three roles act as leaders, friends, mentors, and role models for their students. These dynamic positions have responsibilities that go beyond community building. The RLT are also responsible for helping support the safety and security of all residents by being on-call and available to students. With such responsibility, the team takes part in a two week training program in August and are supported by the full-time Residence Life Management Team.

Office of Student Experience & Wellbeing

The Office of Student Experience & Wellbeing brings U of T’s Co-Curricular Record (CCR) to UTSC. The CCR is designed to help students find opportunities beyond the classroom and to have their skills and experiences captured on an official document. Over 1,850 validated activities are happening on campus, and staff support the connection of campus group positions with on-campus validators, to ensure university learning outside the classroom is officially recognized. CCR can be accessed through the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx).
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