

## **Knowledge and Employability Program General Information at Centennial High School**

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Welcome to the **Knowledge and Employability Program** at Centennial High school. The program is designed to help students achieve their individual potential. Courses have been developed in consultation with stakeholders throughout the province, and are designed to meet the educational needs of students who learn best when:

- The focus is on the development and application of reading, writing and mathematical literacy in combination with essential employability skills
- Experiential learning activities are provided
- Meaningful connections are made between schooling and personal experiences

Courses in the **K&E Program** are student focused and designed around promoting cross curricular, community and workplace connections. At Centennial, we pride ourselves in building relationships and community within our classrooms which transcends to understanding good citizenship beyond. Knowledge and Employability courses include and promote:

- Workplace standards for academic, occupational and employability skills
- Practical applications through on- and off-campus experiences and/or community partnerships
- Interpersonal skills to ensure respect, support and cooperation with others at home, in the community and in the workplace

Those who find success in the Knowledge and Employability Program receive the Certificate of Achievement. Please view the requirements of this certificate listed on the other side of this document.

You will notice that students require 5 credits in:

- 30-level Work Experience course OR
- 30-level Green Certificate course OR

Students will also complete HCS 3000, a 1-credit course that serves as a pre-requisite course for Work Experience. As part of their learning pathway and as a requirement for their Certificate of Achievement, students need to find a paid position or a volunteer position. Securing this Work Experience placement is the responsibility of the student and their parents. Once secured, our Work Experience coordinator, Mrs. Erika Seely, will visit and support the students at their work sites. It is not the responsibility of the school staff to secure positions for students in order to meet the Work Experience requirement for the Certificate of Achievement.

Ideas to consider when deciding if the **Knowledge and Employability Program** is the right option for your student. Does your student:

- Learn best by doing?
- Require clear and guided instruction?
- Have a history of low achievement?
- Prefer instruction that can be applied to practical, everyday experiences?
- Find reading difficult?
- Find mathematics difficult?
- Express an interest in courses related to the world of work?
- Require support in developing workplace skills?
- Require guidance with study skills?
- Find success in smaller classroom settings?

If you require further information or clarification, please contact us at Centennial High School. We are here to help. 403-256-8140.