

The Sound School

Aquacultural / Agricultural Education

Supervised Occupational Experience

INDIVIDUAL S.O.E. PLAN

The Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center
60 South Water Street
New Haven, CT 06519
203-946-6873

School Year Beginning: _____ 20 ____ through _____ 20 ____

Student Name _____

Address _____

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

Phone # _____

Advisor _____

PLACEMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN AQUACULTURE / AGRICULTURE

Each vocational student enrolled in The Sound School Aquaculture or Agriculture Program must have a mandatory of two hundred (200) hours of work related experience each year to fulfill the graduation requirements set by the CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Placement includes three alternative categories of activities **Employment Experience, Cooperative Placement** (Internships) and **Directed Laboratory Experience**. A combination of categories may be used to achieve the hourly requirements.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE involves the Aquaculture/ Agriculture student being in aquaculture, a marine trade/agriculture trade or a related field that corresponds to the regular instructional program. This activity does not release the student during the school day. This can be paid or non-paid.

COOPERATIVE PLACEMENT (internship) involves the student being released during the school day to allow VoAg laboratory work or course work, during that time, in aquaculture, marine trade/agriculture related... Additionally the student attends a special topic class taught by the instructor that coordinates the student after school hours at the Cooperative Placement. The employer may pay the student appropriate wages.

DIRECTED LABORATORY EXPERIENCE occurs at school, within school facilities or off-site with school personnel in attendance. If the experience occurs at the school site it is conducted beyond the regularly scheduled class time. This includes school-sponsored field trips; hours cannot be earned during normal school hours. If the trip goes beyond the normal school day, hours can be earned. Site based SOE are extended Direct Laboratories.

It is strongly recommended that the student plan their placement program in cooperation with their faculty advisor, the school's S.O.E. personnel and their employer. Transfer and other students that are able and willing to document previous work experiences should consult their advisors as soon as possible after joining the program. Having an accurate record is essential. Maintaining and updating the record is the **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY**.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE. I AGREE TO FULFILL THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF HOURS TO MEET MY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

To be completed by student

1. Which areas of your program interest you the most?
(Aquaculture/Agriculturally speaking)

2. How will you fulfill your Supervised Occupational Experience? (How will you earn your S.O.E. Hours?)

3. What employment opportunities do you hope to develop through your S.O.E. experience?

4. What skills will you need to reach your goal?

Specific Skills, Licenses, Certificates

Please Check Appropriate Box(es)

- Safe Boating Certificate
- Valid Drivers License
- Launch Operators License
- Red Cross Lifesaving Certification
- HACCP Certification
- CPR Certification
- _____ (Please Specify)

Volunteer Work

(Please indicate any Volunteer Employment that supports your Aquaculture/Agriculture Program, indicate where, when and what you did)

SUPERVISED OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE PLAN

*Your plan is how you will earn your S.O.E. hours, you must be as specific as possible. *Important, you can only earn hours if it is stated in your plan. It is not acceptable to simply say "everything". Example: if you are interested in Aqua Tech your S.O.E. hours must reflect this.*

For: _____
Student Name

Submitted on _____
Date

By _____
Student Signature

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
Signature

Teacher/Advisor _____ Date _____
Signature

EXAMPLES OF SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT

Pet Stores, Marinas, Boat Yards, Marine Supply Stores, Sail Makers, Pool Suppliers, Florists, Greenhouses, Water Quality Testing Facilities, Seafood Stores, Seafood Suppliers, Fishing Boats, Lobster Boats, Seafood Restaurants, Landscaping, Farming, Bait & Tackle Shops, Sporting Good Stores, Farm Markets, Sailing Instructors, Hardware – Home Improvement Stores, Stables, Aquariums

EXAMPLES OF UNSUITABLE EMPLOYMENT

Grocery Stores (unless you are working in the seafood or produce department), Fast Food Restaurants, Clothing Stores, Shoe Stores, any retail that does not have any direct link to Aquaculture or Agriculture, Cinemas, Amusement Centers (Video Games)

There are additional employment opportunities that would be suitable however they are not listed. Any employment must have a demonstrated connection with either Aquaculture or Agriculture. If you are unsure if an employer would fulfill your SOE obligation, please check with Trish Russell or Susan Weber in Career Services.