

6.67 - Experiential Learning Component for Academic Programs v022617

PART 1: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT

Each undergraduate bachelor's degree offered by NMSU-Las Cruces will include an experiential learning requirement. Experiential Learning is defined as learning which occurs as a result of personal experience applying knowledge and conceptual understanding to a real or simulated situation associated with an academic program. Experiential Learning may include any of the following:

- A. Off-campus paid or unpaid internship or co-op: medical, teaching or scientific practicum; or study abroad;
- B. On-campus paid or unpaid intern experience: research internship, academic mentor internship, technical developer internship, marketing internship, business services internship, etc. The student employment experience may or may not be supported by work study funds;
- C. On-campus or off-campus paid or unpaid leadership experience or work-related scholarship;
- D. Course-based research experience; or
- E. Documented service learning activity that is part of a course.

PART 2: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CRITERIA

In order to satisfy the Experiential Learning requirement, the experience(s) must meet the following criteria:

- A. A minimum of 100 clock hours in the experience, which may be dispersed over one or multiple experiences. (The hundred-hour obligation with reflection is roughly equivalent to a 3-credit hour course.) Making the connection between time spent in experiential learning and credit hours helps both students and faculty understand that the experience should be accompanied by significant learning.
- B. A required written reflection that summarizes what the student learned during the course of each experience, evaluated by a faculty member in the student's home department.
- C. The time in the experience, when combined with the written reflection, should provide a meaningful and significant learning experience that is roughly equivalent to a 3-credit course.
- D. The experience may but need not be credit bearing.
- E. The experience may but need not be a defined element of a major.
- F. The experience will be certified on the student's transcript.

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