

Alternative Learning Path for High School Students

Community Connections Career Partnership –Ohio C3P(O) Program

Student Review:

What C3P(O) Means to Me

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For starters, I am Victoria Weldin and I started this internship my junior year and we were the first to start. I have a lot of family in nursing, so I thought it would be easy...but I was in for a surprise (not in a bad way).

The first day I started I was surprised. I've never done or seen anything like these facilities – it was so new. It's easy to say you have to be fit for this program. The first year was a battle on my morals, but it taught me patience, open-mindedness, hope, integrity, responsibility, and how to be a benefit to the individuals.

It's not just a paying job some day. It's an opportunity, every day, to impact and change someone's life in a beneficial way. For example, I had an individual who didn't know how to count money and always had to depend on someone else. So, I taught him money and how to count it. It wasn't the most successful project but it's the patience and determination and helping someone to be independent that matters. To benefit and to teach one another. I learned as much as he did.

It is a great field to be in, but you have to give it your all and be about teaching, not a paycheck. You learn a lot, even if you're not going to be a DD DSP. It's a great experience and you need to take advantage of it.

So, overall, my experience has been outstandingly inspiring and I plan to continue in this career.

Additional Students Comments:

- 1) When I started with the C3P(O) program, I thought I was going to be helping people, but found out that I'm the one who was helped.
- 2) Before C3P(O), I didn't care about school or my grades. Now I can't wait to go to school and the internship sites.
- 3) Last year, I missed 70 days of school. This year, I've received two attendance awards.
- 4) I have never received grades this good before.
- 5) As a freshman, I had a 0.01 GPA. Now, as a Junior, I have a 3.8 GPA.
- 6) I never knew that being a DSP is a career. I thought that, to work with people with developmental disabilities, you had to be a special education teacher.

Are you interested?

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