

# FAQ - Recruiting a Niagara College Co-op Student

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HIRING THROUGH NIAGARA COLLEGE?

- Access new staff who are pursuing a career in your industry AND who have already obtained specialized training through their program
- Mentor and help students obtain program-related work experience that they can use towards their co-op work term requirements
- Connect with and try out new talent <u>before</u> they graduate; perfect for new/recurrent work projects and seasonal hiring needs
- Obtain information about how to post, recruitment events, funding/incentive programs and tax credits
- Build community connections and increase brand awareness

#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CO-OP AND SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT?

- Post-secondary students go out on paid co-op work terms and seek employment opportunities that will allow them
  to actively use their program related skills while gaining additional experience
- Whether the position is defined as a Co-op or Seasonal opportunity if it is related to their program of study and provides an opportunity for them to contribute and develop skills, it is perfect for co-op

#### **HOW DOES CO-OP WORK?**

- The student is hired like a seasonal employee. Once they have accepted a job offer, the student submits their job details through our on-line system. Shortly after they start working, the student sets three work term goals that they would like to achieve during their co-op. We encourage them to share these goals with their employers in order to develop a plan that supports success.
- During a co-op work term, employers and students may be contacted by phone, email or in-person. If you should experience any issues, please contact Career Services.
- At the end of their co-op work term, the student submits a co-op report and <a href="mailto:employer evaluation">employer evaluation</a> with confirmation of hours worked. The student will ask the employer to complete this evaluation so they can submit it with their report. Co-op Tax Credit letters are emailed out to eligible employers after the work term is complete.

#### WHAT CO-OP PROGRAMS DO YOU OFFER AND WHEN ARE THE STUDENTS AVAILABLE?

 The length and duration of the student's co-op varies by program. Click the link to view information about our <u>Co-op Programs and Work Terms</u>

### **HOW DO I POST A JOB?**

- To post your hiring needs visit our site at <u>mycareer.niagaracollege.ca</u> to register and post
- You can register to set up an employer account OR if you post through your Human Resources
   Department, they can also set up an account and post opportunities for you.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Career Services, <u>nccareerservices@niagaracollege.ca</u>
 905-641-2252 ext. 4165 or 7777