

UPEI BUSINESS CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

YOUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE



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Co-operative Education (Co-op) is an academic career-development program available to business students. You have the option of doing your work term in Prince Edward Island (PEI), throughout Canada, or internationally.

WHY CHOOSE CO-OP?

- Co-op gives you the chance to apply classroom theory and concepts in a **“real-world” environment**, while gaining marketable skills and experience that will give you a competitive advantage.
- The Co-op team provides specialized resumé-writing, interview-preparation, job-search strategies and ongoing support while you are out on your work term, easing the transition from school to work and giving you the **skills to succeed**.
- **Earn while you learn**—earn a competitive salary to offset the cost of your education.
- Establish **valuable contacts** before graduating. It is often who you know that counts.
- **Co-op designation**—when you graduate with the completion of three work terms, you receive a special designation.

ACADEMIC/WORK TERM SEQUENCING

TYPICAL 4 YEAR MODEL

	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER
Year 1	Academic	Academic	Enter Co-op
Year 2	Academic	Academic	WT 1
Year 3	Academic	WT 2	Academic
Year 4	WT 3	Academics	Graduate

TYPICAL 4.5 – 5 YEAR MODEL

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“ UPEI Entrepreneurial Coop gave me the support and guidance to build a small business during my university career. Without the support of the UPEI Entrepreneurial Coop Program I would not have had the courage to start my business and fulfill my dream of entrepreneurship. ”

ALEX DAVIDSON, PRESIDENT
ODD JOBBERS PEI LTD.
CLASS OF 2014

“ Island Abbey Foods (Honibe) is a supporter of the UPEI Co-op Program. We are honoured to be the recipient of the UPEI Co-op Employer of the Year for 2013. The caliber of students we have hired through the UPEI Co-op program has been excellent. We have been very fortunate to have had ambitious, motivated, and skillful students contribute to the growth of our business. ”

The UPEI Co-op program is an excellent compliment to classroom studies. During their work terms, students are introduced to various aspects of a business which assists them in defining the roles they would like to pursue in the future. Co-op allows students to gain valuable experiences and obtain invaluable references which will be advantageous upon looking for full time employment after graduation. ”



SUSAN ROWE
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
ISLAND ABBEY FOODS LTD.

“ Becoming part of the Co-operative Education program was the best decision I could make as a business student. Today's employers are looking for work experience along with education, and the Co-op program provides you with this valuable competitive edge. I was fortunate to acquire a job at Island Abbey Foods (Honibe) as a Sales and Marketing Assistant, which has expanded my network, helped pay my tuition (I will be leaving UPEI debt-free partly because of this program!), and has allowed me to apply my knowledge to real-life situations. ”

VANESSA MACKINNON
CLASS OF 2014

“DeltaWare Systems has an invaluable partnership with the UPEI Co-op Program. We have experienced tremendous success with hiring co-op students and many times have hired students for full time positions after following graduation. The Co-op experience is a win-win for employers and students, as it gives students the opportunity to gain business experience and provides employers with the opportunity to view the skills and work ethic of students.”



SUSAN FRIZZELL
HR ADMINISTRATOR
DELTAWARE SYSTEMS

“Through the Co-op program I obtained the work experience needed to show employers my ambition to not only pursue in a job, but a career. I was exposed to diverse work positions that helped guide me to what I was truly passionate about. The opportunities, experience and networking I now have are unbelievable for a student. The Co-op team is devoted in helping you better your future. Take a risk, develop essential skills and most importantly discover yourself.”

JENNA SHINN
CLASS OF 2015

“UPEI’s Co-op program provides Bell Aliant with the opportunity to recruit new talent in our local offices in Charlottetown. For us, it’s a win-win situation: the Co-op program produces bright, accomplished students who are extremely motivated to work on PEI. They bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our work environment. In return, our employees get to share a wealth of knowledge and experience with the next generation of workers.”



HOLLY MARTIN
CUSTOMER SERVICE
MANAGER, BELL ALIANT

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ENHANCE THE VALUE OF YOUR EDUCATION. BECOME A BUSINESS CO-OP STUDENT!

		TUITION	CO-OP FEE	CO-OP INCOME	NET INCOME
YEAR 1					
Fall	Study	\$2,680			-\$2,680
Winter	Study	\$2,680			-\$5,360
Summer	Study	\$1,072			-\$6,432
YEAR 2					
Fall	Study	\$2,680	\$676		-\$9,788
Winter	Study	\$2,680			-\$12,468
Summer	Work	\$1,072	\$536	\$7,875	-\$6,201
YEAR 3					
Fall	Study	\$2,680			-\$8,881
Winter	Study	\$2,680			-\$11,561
Summer	Work	\$536	\$536	\$7,875	-\$4,758
YEAR 4					
Fall	Work		\$536	\$7,875	\$2,581
Winter	Study	\$2,680			-\$99
Summer	Graduate				
TOTALS		\$21,440	\$2,284	\$23,625	-\$99

Based on a work week of 37.5 hours.
 Based on average hourly wage.
 Based on 2013/14 tuition rates of \$536 per course.
 Student fees/books not included in tuition.



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