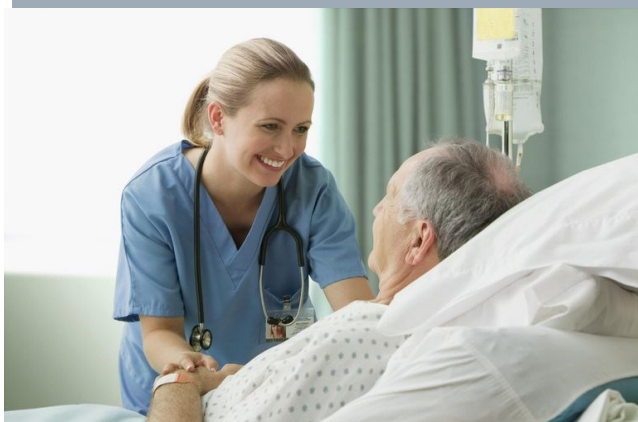


## Why study Work Studies?

In keeping with a focus on the development of the individual, *Work Studies* is designed to encourage cooperative learning, flexible timelines and supportive feedback.

The development of workplace skills in *Work Studies* may occur in the context of class work, work placements, work experience, casual work, volunteer work, community projects, business competitions or participation in school and business links. In addition, the *Work Studies* syllabus provides students with the opportunity to consolidate their learning and skills from their other subjects to assist a successful transition from school to work.

Students will develop: knowledge and understanding of work, the work environment and skills for employment; knowledge and understanding of employment options, career management, life planning and further education and



## Careers and Work Studies

Occupations where a study of Work Studies would be useful, is broad and varied as the course is designed to transition students from school to work. Work experience possibilities are not strictly limited and might include;

- Health
- Mental Health
- Social Work
- Youth worker
- Retail
- Business Administration
- Business Services
- Aged Care
- Travel Agent
- Tourism
- Legal Office
- Fitness
- Recreation
- Nursery
- Various Trades
- Child Care
- Hospitality



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## WORK STUDIES

The study of **Work Studies in Stage 6** is **designed** as a flexible course to enable young people to develop the skills, knowledge, understanding and confidence to allow them to experience a successful transition from school to work and further education and training. It is especially relevant to those looking for employment, self employment or students undertaking non-ATAR and VET pathways.

## Year 11 & 12 Course Topics

- Core topic  
**My Working life**

### Modules include

- In the Workplace, Preparing Job Applications, Workplace Communication, Teamwork and Enterprise Skills, Managing, Work and Life Commitments, Personal Finance, Workplace Issues, Self-Employment, Team Enterprise Project, Experiencing Work *plus* School-Developed Modules which are developed in line with student needs.



- **Elective Modules**

These are flexible modules therefore the number of hours per module is flexible and adapted to student needs.



### WORK EXPERIENCE

This module focuses on providing students with actual experiences in the workplace. It aims to build on prior learning in the *Work Studies* course.

Students have the flexibility to include up to a maximum of 60 indicative hours for one or two modules on *Experiencing Work* in an industry of their choice.

They may involve integrated work placements and/or block work placements in businesses and/or community organisations. Students may also conduct research activities in a number of workplace settings and/or be involved in structured enterprise competitions. The value of these experiences is to reinforce the school-based components of the course and to complement work placements that students undertake in other subjects. This module allows students to develop networks and can sometimes lead to employment.

## Course Specific details

To support learning in Work Studies, some experiences which may be offered in the study of this course include: -

- ◇ Closely working with the careers officer
- ◇ Organising training opportunities
- ◇ Visiting work and career expo's
- ◇ Career planning



Further information about the course content and outcomes can be obtained from the website below.  
<http://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/work-studies-stage6>