EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
What is Experiential Learning?

Experiential learning first immerses learners in an experience and then encourages reflection about the experience to develop new skills, new attitudes, or new ways of thinking.

SIMPLY PUT, IT IS THE PROCESS OF LEARNING BY DOING AND REFLECTING ON THE EXPERIENCE.

Experiential learning is any learning that supports students in applying their knowledge and conceptual understanding to real-world problems or situations.
DAVID KOLB’S EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THEORY

• Learning is the process whereby knowledge is created through the transformation of experience. Knowledge results from the combination of grasping and transforming experiences.

• Grasping: Concrete Experience (CE) and Abstract Conceptualization (AC)

• Transforming: Reflective Observation (RO) and Active Experimentation (AE)
GRASPING & TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCE

- **Concrete Experience**: Being involved in a new experience.
- **Reflective Observation**: Watching others or developing observations about one's own experience.
- **Abstract Conceptualization**: Creating theories to explain observations.
- **Active Experimentation**: Using theories to solve problems, make decisions.
WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT TO GAIN FROM YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

THINK ABOUT THE OTHER AREAS IN WHICH YOU WANT TO GROW OR THE RESOURCES & SKILLS YOU WANT TO GAIN...
MENTORING

- JOB PLACEMENT
- SUCCESS
- CREATIVITY

Internships

Networking

Your success is our goal!
Why Experiential Learning Matters:

- Helps students transition more gracefully from college to work
- Service to the community can help students gain a mentor
- Employers want students who have some experience in the field they want to work in
- Opportunities to apply the concepts students learn about in the classroom
- Exposure to industry leaders
- Students gain marketable skills to increase their likelihood of gaining employment
- Creates a sense of empowerment and ownership
- Helps to bridge the gap between what is learned in the classroom and how it applies to the real world
- Enhances the learning process when students are engaged in relevant and meaningful experiences
Why You Should Get Involved:

**BENEFITS:**
- Growth in confidence
- Increase sense of professional identity
- Recognize the importance of accountability
- Potential job placement
- Networking
- Gain experience in area of interest

**OPTIONS:**
- Internships
- Service learning
- Undergraduate research experience
- Community-based research
- Field work
WHERE CAN YOU DO AN INTERNSHIP?

• CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES
• GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
• BIG CORPORATIONS
• COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS
• INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS
• ON CAMPUS AT UNT DALLAS
• AND SO MUCH MORE!!
WE WANT TO SHOWCASE YOU!!

• WE WILL FEATURE YOU:
  ON OUR WEBSITE &
  ACROSS CAMPUS

• YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE:
  A SPECIAL CORD FOR GRADUATION
  A SPECIAL RECOGNITION CEREMONY
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• WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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