# Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network





### **Connecting Classroom Learning with Workplace Expectations**

The Iowa Intermediary Network provides work-based learning experiences that are essential for students to plan for participation in high school internships or apprenticeships, course decisions during high school, postsecondary education/ training or decisions for full-time employment after graduation. The 15 regional intermediary networks serve as one-stop contact points, providing work-based learning opportunities to K-12 students within community college regions. The Iowa Intermediary Network is funded through the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund.



# Work-Based Learning Experiences

#### **Top Eight Career Clusters**

**Number of Students Participating in Work-Based Learning Activities in Each Career Cluster** Using 3,362 Unique Business Partners

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics 12,030

**Health Sciences** 9,429

7,842 Manufacturing

6,557 Architecture & Construction

4,913 Business, Management & Administration

4,691 **Finance** 

4.583 Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

3.360 Information Technology

# Work-Based Learning Support

\$17.43 per Participant



Total: \$1,669,586.88

**Number of Worksite Experiences for Students & Educators** 

#### **Services Delivered**

Internships **678 Students** 

\*135.0 percent increase over FY20-21

Job Shadowing 5.033 Students

Worksite Exploration 5.420 Students

Regional Services 92,987 Student Experiences

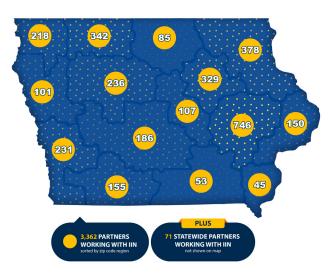
> **Educator Experiences** 2,796 Educators







# Testimonials from Iowa Work-Based Learning Experiences



"You get to know what it's like to work in your dream career. Now that I've had a work-based learning experience, I know I want to work with high school students instead of elementary school students like I originally thought." — Student at Northeast High School (Intermediary Program at Eastern Iowa Community College)

"The job shadow we hosted was mutually beneficial for the students and for the local business owners to "give back" in a new way and inspire the future workforce, instill an appreciation for small businesses, and encourage the younger generation to "shop small". The students asked great questions, were friendly and were professional." – Jessi Simon, Director at West Branch Community

Development Group (Intermediary Program at Kirkwood Community College)

"It was cool to see how I could turn my ideas into something. I really liked making things from scratch and learning about manufacturing jobs." – Collin, Student at Manufacturing Summer Camp (Intermediary Program at Northwest Iowa Community College)

"I walked into this mock interview experience with nervousness and doubt. I walked out feeling confident and prepared for any future interview process." – Max Gerelman, Senior at Johnston High School (Intermediary Program at Des Moines Area Community College)







Note: Effective November 10, 2022, the Intermediary Network program was transferred from the Iowa Department of Education to Iowa Workforce Development.