

What is Camosun’s definition of Applied Learning?

Applied learning refers to learning experiences that get learners thinking, collaborating, and communicating, and ultimately have them engage with and contribute to the world around them. These learning experiences take place in a range of contexts, including in the classroom, the workplace, the community, and on the land, and enable learners to apply and integrate theoretical knowledge, as well as personal, practical, and professional skills. Ideally the learning activities simulate real-world situations or are situated in a real world context.

What evidence is there in favour of applied learning?

Educational neuroscientists emphasize that intentional engagement in reflective practice is key to “cementing” learning and enhancing application, transfer, retention, and recall. It does so by facilitating patterning and meaning making, creating multiple pathways to learning, and providing a forum for feedback (Stanchfield, 2013).

There have been many academic papers published on the effectiveness of applied learning and experiential education, including evidence from scholars on brain science. A quick internet search in a discipline area you are interested in + applied learning or experiential education activities.

Or click on the following link to see our Lib Guide on Applied/Experiential learning:

<https://camosun.ca.libguides.com/ExpLearn>

What is the goal of the Applied Learning project?

What we have done is [rooted in Camosun faculty feedback](#) on the importance of applied learning and what is required to support it at the college. Faculty from all five schools across several departments have been consulted and many have contributed their time and energy to the project.

To ensure **information, resources and support** for applied learning is available.

To formally **acknowledge Camosun’s long-standing tradition of, and reputation for, applied learning**, including a wide range of classroom-, industry- and community-based opportunities for students to apply their knowledge and skills. For example:

Making Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference Presentation• Community Service Learning• Social Innovation• International Experiences• Mentoring or Tutoring• Student Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer Opportunities• Land-based Education• Case Study• Lab Debate• Field Trip
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Work/study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship • Co-op Education • Internship • Practicum/Clinical Placement
Creativity & Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Research • Capstone Projects • Entrepreneurship • Interdisciplinary Education • Role-playing • Art-Poem Art Experiment (co-curricular project)

I teach academics – how is applied learning a fit?

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Do you...

- Get students thinking and collaborating?
- engage learners in case studies, labs, or clinical placements?
- encourage creative expression of course-related concepts and skills?
- provide opportunities for peer evaluation, reflection or group-problem solving?,
- provide opportunities for learners to engage with content and/or demonstrate their learning via role play, capstone projects, or group presentations?
- teach co-op students or engage in applied research?
- Take students on field trips?

If you answered yes to one or more of the above questions, then you are using some applied learning teaching methods.

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Applied learning is process oriented, complex, dynamic, messy...and fun.

It's also effective, engaging and according to many faculty it's not "more work" overall, it's "different work". The time spent on marking papers may be replaced by time spent organizing and assessing an activity, for example.

I need a bit of funding to get some materials/supplies for an applied learning activity. Is there anywhere I can go?

Yes.

Please fill out the [Applied Learning Funding Request](#) form.

2019 Funding Application Deadlines

Requests for funding are accepted on an ongoing basis, and are **due by 4pm** on: January 25, March 27, April 22, May 24, June 27.

Contact alrequests@camosun.ca for more information.

Who can I talk to in my school about applied learning?

Please contact Corrine Michel for a list of faculty in each school who have indicated their willingness to share what they know about applied learning.

I'm doing some applied learning in my classes and would like to share my experience with colleagues. Can I do a podcast interview? Are there other venues to share what I've done?

Yes. Please contact Corrine Michel michel@camosun.bc.ca or Dan Reeve ReeveD@camosun.bc.ca