

AlamoEXPERIENCE Model: Experiential Learning

Overview

In 2020, we launched the AlamoEXPERIENCE – Experiential Learning Model. These experiences broaden students' awareness of career choices, enable exploration of work environments, build soft skills and create new connections. The documentation of experiential learning experiences within the AlamoEXPERIENCE portal provides an AlamoEXPERIENCE Transcript. Access the AlamoEXPERIENCE portal in ACES:

ACES → Employee/Student tab → Scroll down to find AlamoEXPERIENCE

AlamoEXPERIENCE Model Guiding Principles

- 1) Every student will have an Experiential Learning experience by graduation.
- 2) Every Experiential Learning experience will provide students the opportunity to engage in and reflect on structured, purposeful activities.
- 3) Every student will be able to apply their Experiential Learning in a setting that may guide and inform their career pathway.
- 4) Each Experiential Learning experience may be captured on an AlamoEXPERIENCE transcript.

Definition

Experiential Learning is the development of new skills and/or perspectives gained through experience and personal reflection

Mission

Provide Alamo Colleges students with Experiential Learning opportunities that enhance student learning and serve to guide career pathways

Vision

Transform Every Student's Life Through Experiential Learning

Four Categories of Experiential Learning Opportunities

Field Experience, Extracurricular Activities, Co-Curricular Learning and Service Learning/Community Service

AlamoEXPERIENCE Portal: Helping Students Document Engagement

Experiences are documented on the students' AlamoEXPERIENCE Transcript and are paired with a NACE <u>Career Readiness Competency</u>. The transcript is a verified record of student's experiences, reviewed and confirmed by AlamoEXPERIENCE staff. The transcript enhances a student's application for an internship or employment. College AlamoEXPERIENCE Portal Organizations:

> Northeast Lakeview College Northwest Vista College Palo Alto College St. Philip's College San Antonio College

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