There are a variety of career placements throughout the Thumb Region. Placements must be related to the student’s field of study and be within 30 minutes of their high school and/or residence.
Co-op helps students gain competitive skills at labor market standards. Linkage between the classroom and the work site insures a quality experience. Coordination between the teacher and supervisor insures that the student/learner can perform at labor market standards.

**HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR CO-OP?**

Students must complete at least one half of the curriculum in their Technology Center program. The instructor will then recommend students for placement based on their attitude, attendance, and work habits in class. The student provides their own transportation to the work site.

**WHERE CAN I WORK?**

Students must work at a business that carries Worker’s Compensation and Liability Insurance. The work must be related to the TTC Program that the student is enrolled in. The student must be supervised by an adult at all times. Students may work outside of Tuscola County.

**WHEN CAN I WORK?**

Students usually work during the time they are scheduled to be at the Technology Center, but working hours are flexible. The student should average at least 12-14 hours per week. All Child Labor Laws must be followed.

**DO I HAVE TO RETURN TO TTC FOR CLASS?**

As part of the state requirements for co-op, students return to the Technology Center for a related co-op class. This class is held every Monday for 45-60 minutes. Students may still participate in the many youth club activities that TTC offers.

**DO I BENEFIT FROM CO-OP?**

Students are paid for their co-op job and also receive high school credit. They develop skills, obtain work references and build confidence in their ability to seek future employment.

**HOW WILL CO-OP HELP ME WITH MY FUTURE PLANS?**

For most students, their co-op job is the first job that is related to their career of choice and provides relevant experience that boosts their earning potential.

By working at a co-op job, students can find out if they really like the career they have chosen. If they decide to go into a different career, the co-op job has helped to save them time and money in college studying a career they really don’t enjoy. For students who don’t go on to college, their co-op job may lead to full-time employment after graduation.