

Work-Integrated Learning



CapU WIL Newsletter

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Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) at CapU

Welcome to the first [CapU WIL](#) trimestrial newsletter. Fall 2025 has started with great energy and we are excited to share news, student and faculty stories and work-integrated learning related information.

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CapU WIL fosters an ecosystem that supports the University and communities in our region to shape a future we all care about deeply. Our approach to WIL pledges to underpin quality work-integrated learning experiences for all CapU students, while remaining in sync with other Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI) at both national and global levels. To uphold those standards, we align with Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning Canada ([CEWIL Canada](#)), the World's Association for Cooperative and Work-Integrated Education ([WACE](#)) global quality framework for WIL, and local health and safety recommendations.

Most common curricular WIL types at CapU include experiences such as:

- Co-op
- Practicum (mandatory, clinical, or field placement)
- Internship
- Work experience
- Entrepreneurship
- Applied research project
- Service learning

Meet the WIL Team



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Is WIL a building block?

Our students said “yes.” WIL bridges classroom knowledge with real-world experience, giving students the chance to apply their skills, take responsibility and build confidence. Through applied projects, practicums, co-ops and other WIL experiences, students gain an edge in their careers while earning credit toward graduation. CapU WIL connects students, faculty and host organizations, providing resources and support to ensure smooth WIL experiences.

Let's Talk WIL

(sessions for faculty and partners)

Let's Talk WIL is a reoccurring session that happens on campus. Intended as a way to bridge potential host organizations to interested faculty members, the past four (4) sessions have sprung several WIL collaborations. With the need to serve well both our faculty and our partners we are moving on with a new format this Fall. Potential host organizations will drive the market demand for WIL experiences in a session dedicated to partners only. Faculty members seeking to add new or strengthen existing WIL experiences, will be invited to a follow-up session where we'd craft a response to that demand. Together, we can bring in more WIL experiences for our students!



October 23: Partner registration

CapU WIL Awards & student stories

The [CapU WIL Awards](#) Ceremony takes place every year during the last week of March, as we celebrate the month of WIL across Canada. Nominations for both partners and students are accepted until mid-November and the adjudication committee selects the winners early January.

[Ask for a nomination package](#), or simply send us student stories and any WIL-related news. Your voice deserves to be heard!



Faculty spotlight: Stephen Williams

Since its inception as a diploma in 1976, the music therapy program at Capilano University has embedded the values of work integrated learning (WIL). Today, four of the five terms in the Bachelor of Music Therapy include a practicum where students get to facilitate music therapy in a variety of work settings. As I retire from a very satisfying career in music therapy, first as a clinician and then as a therapist educator, I look back at the importance of adult learning in both settings.



Unpaid WIL is hard on our students. Thanks to a CEWIL/ECAIT Canada iHub grant, each

student in the Music Therapy practicum (MT 511) was able to receive a \$2,000 stipend during Fall 2024 and 2025. CapU WIL encouraged and supported me in applying for these grants and we helped our students to focus on their growth rather than taking on unrelated part-time work. This grant made their journeys just a little lighter (by Stephen Williams).

Find more [ways to collaborate!](#)



Partner highlights



There are many ways to [partner with us](#).

[GrowthHub](#)—CapU and North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (NVCC) have been partnering for over four years to support local businesses through GrowthHub, a partnership that brings talent to your doorstep and empowers students to build strong skills for a sustainable future. If you are a member of the NVCC and would like to work with our students, please complete [this form](#) and we will connect you with the relevant department.

CapU WIL committees

We meet and consult with two committees on a regular basis.

CapU WIL Committee

This university wide committee brings together faculty and staff to discuss work-integrated learning related items and inform WIL programming growth at CapU. This committee, chaired by the WIL senior manager, has one faculty representative from each of the five faculties and meets four times a year.



CapU WIL External Advisory Committee

The committee advises on labour market trends and other influencing factors and consists of external partners, alumni and



staff. Advisory members apprise future WIL-related programing and support building relations with prospective partners in the region. This advisory committee meets three times a year.

CapU WIL Updates

Fresh learning came back to CapU from the CEWIL Conference in Hamilton, where Christy Dodds and Tania Loken presented a session on “Innovative Assessments in WIL” and shared about learned practices and ways to drive student success. Their presentation was based on the WIL experiences in the faculty of Global and Community Studies.





What's coming up

- September 11 - CapU WIL university wide committee meeting
- September 18 - Partnering with Purpose at CapU Squamish campus (bringing together our external partners)
- September 25 - CapU WIL External Advisory meeting
- October 23 - Let's Talk WIL for partners and host organizations
- October 27 - Launch WILCAP - an internal work-integrated program at CapU meant to facilitate more WIL opportunities for our students
- November 6 - Let's Talk WIL for faculty members and WIL enablers at CapU

Find more WIL-related [new & events](#) and read stories shared by our students on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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