

# Capstone Experiences



Be Your Own Boss!  
**Entrepreneurship Experience**

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- Research, develop, and present a comprehensive business plan related to your career interests
- Business Partner Best Practice: Connect with an industry partner mentor to learn more about starting and running your own business

Connect with the Community!  
**Service Learning Experience**

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- Research and implement a service learning project that connects to your career interests and a community need
- Business Partner Best Practice: Connect and collaborate with industry partner mentors to facilitate a project related to a community need and your own career interests

Show What You Know!  
**Senior Experience**

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- Research, develop, and present a mastery project that connects your learning to your career interests
- Business Partner Best Practice: Connect with industry partner mentors to learn more about your chosen topic

Let's Get to Work!  
**Youth Internship**

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- Participate in a hands-on work experience with one or more industry partners in a field related to your career interests
- Business Partner Best Practice: Connect with one or more industry partners to experience real-world, hands-on experiences related to your career interests

Earn to Learn!  
**Youth Apprenticeship**

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- Participate in a hands-on work experience with a Registered Apprenticeship Program sponsor in a field related to your career interests
- Business Partner Best Practice: Connect with an industry partner who is registered with the Department of Labor's Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) [StartTodaySD.com](http://StartTodaySD.com)

**All Capstone Experiences Should**

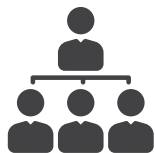
- Connect to [student career interests](#)
- Be student-driven learning experiences
- Incorporate [business and industry mentors](#)
- Include a professional portfolio/project

**Enhance Your Capstone Experience**

- Obtain an [industry recognized credential](#)
- Participate in a school-sponsored [CTSO](#) to enhance leadership and soft skills development
- Connect to [dual credit](#) courses

# Capstone Course Detailed Descriptions

## *Be Your Own Boss!*



### **Entrepreneurship Experience (80026)**

- Investigate ideas for business to provide a product or service
- Spend time with business/industry mentor to learn about operating a business
- Develop and present a comprehensive business plan proposal
- Reflect and analyze the entrepreneurship experience
- Recommended course credit offered .5-1.0
- Prerequisite recommendation: Foundational CTE Course

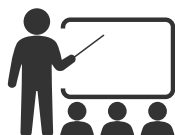
## *Connect with the Community!*



### **Service Learning Experience (22104)**

- Plan a service learning project that addresses a community or school need
- Collaborate with community/industry partners to support the project
- Evaluate and reflect on project
- Present experience through a final presentation or professional portfolio
- Recommended course credit offered .5-1.0
- Prerequisite recommendation: Foundational CTE Course

## *Show What You Know!*



### **Senior Experience (80019)**

- Create a research component related to chosen senior experience topic
- Incorporate an “experience” with the help of a business/industry mentor
- Develop a project/product connected to research topic
- Create and present experience with a professional portfolio
- Recommended course credit offered .5-1.0
- Prerequisite recommendation: Foundational CTE Course

## *Let's Get to Work!*



### **Youth Internship (80018)**

- Arrange and participate in a hands-on internship experience with a community partner
- Apply career development skills
- Create a professional portfolio documenting and reflecting on the experience
- Develop a postsecondary personal learning plan based on the internship experience
- Recommended course credit offered .5-1.0
- Prerequisite recommendation: Foundational CTE Course

## *Earn to Learn!*



### **Youth Apprenticeship (80020)**

- Participate in a hands-on youth apprenticeship experience with a DLR registered partner
- Apply career development skills
- Create a professional portfolio documenting and reflecting on the experience
- Develop a postsecondary personal learning plan based on the apprenticeship experience
- Recommended course credit offered .5-1.0
- Prerequisite recommendation: Foundational CTE Course