



**School of Agriculture
Trades & Environment**

BK 200 BEEKEEPING WORK EXPERIENCE 5 (0-0-40) 26 WEEKS; 1040 HOURS

COURSE OUTLINE – APRIL 2012

INSTRUCTOR: TBA

PHONE: TBA

OFFICE: TBA

E-MAIL: TBA

OFFICE HOURS: TBA

TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Forms and instructions are provided. The instructor, in consultation with the student, will arrange the summer work placement.

PREREQUISITE

The student must successfully completed BK 101, BK 110, BK 133 and BK 134 in the *Theory of Apiculture* program module during January/February.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a 26-week paid practical summer work experience; students are place with a commercial beekeeping operation. A minimum of 1000 hours of work experience is required.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To give the students an opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they have acquired in the Theory of Beekeeping program module.
2. To enable students to experience and learn first-hand the various functions of commercial beekeeping during the busy honey producing season.
3. To give students practical experience in apiary and field skills, hive management, disease identification and treatment, and honey production.
4. To enable the Bee program instructors to assist students in bridging the gap between classroom instruction and on-the-job performance by providing formative evaluation in conjunction with outside evaluation.

5. To help students find employment by gaining experience required to enter commercial beekeeping.

PROPOSED COURSE OUTLINE

--To be modified as deemed appropriate by Program Instructor/Coordinator

1. The students, in consultation with the program instructor/coordinator, shall determine the company where the work experience will take place. Each student will provide a 1-page resume to the placement coordinator for the purpose of sending to potential work experience employers. Each potential workplace employer will provide a completed work experience employment summary/overview of their commercial operations as a resource to students.
2. The student will complete a work experience orientation booklet and ensure that a monthly timesheet is available to record their running hours.
3. The student, placement coordinator and employer/supervisor will meet to determine the work experience component, hours of employment, remuneration, provisions for room and board, evaluation procedures, etc.
4. The program coordinator will maintain contact and provide regular monitoring during the first 10 weeks/400 hours of the work experience. A work assessment seminar with the student, placement coordinator and employer/supervisor should be scheduled between 20—30 days from the start of the work placement. A second work assessment seminar should be scheduled within weeks 8 to 10 of the work placement.
5. The student is required to submit bi-weekly reports during the work experience period on a regular basis and retain a copy for their own records.
6. Between weeks 22-24 of the work experience, the student will prepare a brief 1-2 page summary report and submit it to the program coordinator. The report should include the students name, placement company, date, a list of specific work elements that the student performed and a paragraph of self-evaluation of their own abilities to perform the work of a commercial beekeeper. The work experience summary report should also include a brief comment and signature of the employer/work supervisor with whom the student has been placed.
7. Both the student and the employer/supervisor are required to notify the program instructor/placement coordinator IMMEDIATELY if there are any problems or concerns that they are not able to resolve. At the request of either the student or the employer, the work experience placement may cease and alternate arrangement will be made for the student to complete their work experience.

GRADING

If the student has satisfactorily met the expectations of the employer/supervisor and the program instructor/placement coordinator during the work experience period, the student shall receive CREDIT for the course. No letter grade shall be assigned for this course.

ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE CREDIT IS AWARDED.