

## WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYER ADVANTAGES?

### The Co-op Program:

- ◆ Operates as an agent to minimize labor cost.
- ◆ Provides the employer with a continuous flow of qualified employees.
- ◆ Reduces new employee turnover by providing students as candidates for employment.
- ◆ Creates closer ties between the employer and Morris College.
- ◆ Allows for participation in the educational process at the college level.

## WHAT ARE THE STUDENT ADVANTAGES?

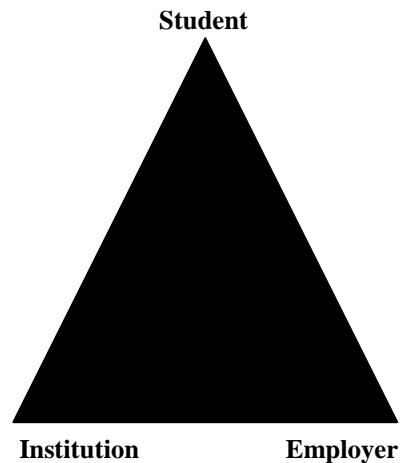
### The Co-op Program:

- ◆ Provides a useful vehicle to develop a student into a more marketable prospect upon graduation.
- ◆ Reinforces career choice by alternating academic study and work.
- ◆ Allows a student the opportunity to earn money while working in a related academic field.

## WHAT ARE THE INSTITUTIONAL ADVANTAGES?

### The Co-op Program:

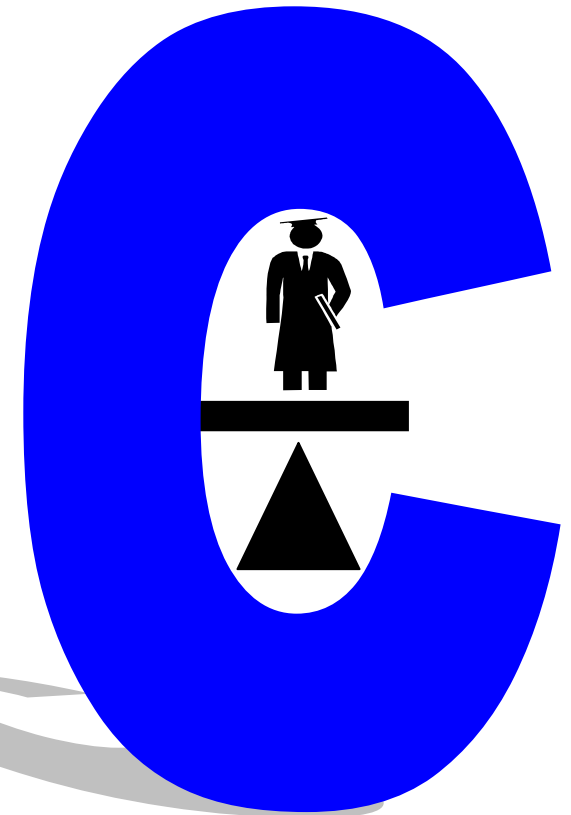
- ◆ Attracts students who are interested in gaining relevant work experience.
- ◆ Provides faculty with current and future employment trend information relevant to curriculum planning.
- ◆ Offers students employment opportunities upon graduation.
- ◆ Builds positive business relations with Morris College.



Morris College  
Brawley-Starks Academic Success Center  
100 West College Street  
Sumter, SC 29150-3599

**C  
A  
R  
E  
E  
R  
S  
E  
R  
V  
I  
C  
E  
S  
C  
E  
N  
T  
E  
R**

# COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM



**Morris College**

**Sumter, SC**

## WHAT IS COOPERATIVE EDUCATION?

Cooperative Education (Co-op) is a unique educational program that combines academic instruction with supervised career-related work experience. In essence the co-op student:

1. Receives a practical education.
2. Receives a competitive salary.
3. Contributes to the employer's productive work effort.

## HOW DOES CO-OP WORK?

- ◆ Eligible applicants are interviewed and given campus work assignments based on their interests, academic progress, and employer's needs.
- ◆ Students receive a salary from their co-op employer and guidance and optional academic credit from Morris College.
- ◆ Practical experience in professionally related jobs acquired by students in their major fields of study.

## WHAT ARE THE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS?

- ◆ Students must submit a completed application form and resume`.
- ◆ Students must attend Career Services Center Workshops.
- ◆ Students must be at least a second semester freshman.
- ◆ Students must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above.

# COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

## PARTIAL LISTING OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES & COMPANIES

Atlanta VA Medical Center

Bosch Braking Systems

City of Sumter

Dorn VA Hospital

SC Governor's Office

Enterprise Car Rental

SC 4-H Extension Program

Sumter County Government

Shaw AFB

The Sumter Daily Item

United States Forest Service

United Way/Diamonds

Verizon

Weeks Law Firm

YMCA

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CO-OP PARTICIPATION?

- ◆ Co-op enables students to gain valuable and relevant work experiences in career related fields of their choice and thereby enhance their chances for more rapid upward mobility in employment.
- ◆ Co-op provides students with the opportunity to explore a wide range of employment avenues within their chosen field.
- ◆ Co-op students earn substantial incomes to help defray their college expenses.
- ◆ Co-op students learn the practicalities of human relations and the value of cooperative efforts in the work environment.
- ◆ Co-op graduates accumulate job seniority and generally receive higher starting salaries.



## WHAT ARE THE CO-OP WORK ASSIGNMENTS?

Alternate - The student alternates between a semester of full-time study and a semester of full-time work.

Parallel - The student combines periods of work and study during the same semester.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**The Co-op Program at Morris College was started in the fall of 1972.**