Student Employment Handbook

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Overview of Student Employment

The guidelines, policies, and procedures in this document are designed to assist student employees and supervisors to create a holistic learning experience in approved on and off campus student employment positions. Through part-time employment students earn money to help finance their college education and gain valuable work experience that enhance leadership development, life skills, and the learning environment. Student employment positions should also assist students explore academic and career goals. In addition, student employment positions help meet the staffing needs of the college.

Additional benefits include:

- Increasing a student’s sense of community and belonging at Western Nevada College. Students who make a connection to campus often do better scholastically and are more likely to persist to a degree.

- Students with little or no employment history may establish a work record and learn fundamental skills such as punctuality, communication, cooperation, time management, etc.

- All students gain valuable employment skills through processes of interviewing, hiring, training, supervision, relating to co-workers and the public, meeting expectations and achieving goals.

- Students with a defined career objective gain related experience that enriches their educational program. Students with otherwise limited exposure and opportunity for networking may also make valuable contacts with professionals in their chosen fields.

Student Employment Definition

A student employee is a part-time employee enrolled in a degree seeking program at Western Nevada College or in some cases another Nevada System of Higher Education Institution. Student employee positions are temporary, hourly appointments, and should not displace employees or replace permanent employees.

Types of Student Employment

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, regardless of the type of student employment – to be eligible all students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (see p.6) and be enrolled in 6 credits during standard academic periods. In addition, Supervisors of ALL student employment types are required to follow the guidelines in this document.

Department Funded Positions
Department funded student employment positions are funded 100% by the employing department.
Federal Work Study Program (FWS)
FWS funds are campus based aid provided by the federal government. To establish eligibility, students are required to complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). FWS funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. As funds are limited, students who complete the financial aid application process prior to the April 1st priority funding deadline have the best chance of initially being awarded work-study funds.

Nevada Student Employment Program (NSEP)
NSEP Funds are campus based aid provided by the State of Nevada. NSEP funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. As funds are limited, students who complete the financial aid application process prior to the April 1st priority funding deadline have the best chance of initially being awarded work-study funds.

Western Student Employment Program (WSEP)
WSEP Funds are campus based aid provided by the institution. WSEP funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. As funds are limited, students who complete the financial aid application process prior to the April 1st priority funding deadline have the best chance of initially being awarded work-study funds.

Regent Service Program (RSP)
RSP funds are campus based aid provided by the State of Nevada. Employment under the Regents Service Program (RSP) does not require the need determination made in the FAFSA process, but students must meet at least one of the eligibility criteria for the RSP program. They include:
1. Head of Household
2. Single parent who has never attended college or has had a break in enrollment of two or more years
3. First person in their immediate family to pursue a certificate or degree beyond high school
4. Not receiving support from parents or family
5. Has unusual family or financial circumstances

Student State Wages
Wages are funds provided by the State of Nevada to provide on campus student employment in support of WNC’s operational mission. Students’ awarded Wages do not have to demonstrate financial need.

General Improvement Funds (GIP)
GIP funds are Institutional funded programs designed to help provide on-campus employment in support of WNC’s operational mission. Eligibility is restricted to students who are enrolled at least half time and making satisfactory academic progress, unless they are working at Lifted. Lifted workers need to be enrolled in at least 3 credits and be in good academic standing. Students awarded GIP funds do not have to demonstrate financial need. Supervisors of GIP funded student employees are required to follow the guidelines outlined in this document.
**Student Employment Eligibility**

**Fall & Spring Semester Eligibility**
In order for an individual to be issued a “student” contract, all of the following criteria must be met:
- Enrollment in at least 6 credits each regular semester
- Be in a degree seeking program
- Meet all Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements:
  - 67% completion rate in the last enrolled semester
  - 67% cumulative completion rate
  - 2.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale
  - Have not exceeded the maximum number of credits allowed (90) or received two degrees
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident eligible to work in the United States

**Summer Eligibility**
In order for an individual to be issued a “student” contract, all of the following criteria must be met:
- Enrollment in the required 6 credits
- Meeting all Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident eligible to work in the United States

**OR**
- Successfully have completed the spring semester and enrolled in the required 6 credits for the fall semester
- Meeting all Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident eligible to work in the United States

**Changes in Student Eligibility**
If a student’s eligibility for student employment changes or the student is no longer eligible to be employed on student contract, employment must be ended immediately.

**Work Study Awards**

**Awarding Process**
Work study awards are based on a student’s financial need, enrollment status, student budget, and available funding. Federal regulations require that students only earn their award amount. Students are awarded work-study on a first come first serve basis. To maximize the chances of receiving a work study award, students should strive to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to the April 1st priority funding deadline.

Work-study awards can only be earned during the dates identified on the students Personnel Action Form or “contract”. Typically students can begin working a week prior to the first day of the semester and end no later than one week after the last of the semester.
Work-Study Waiting List
Students who are not initially awarded work-study should stop in to the Financial Assistance Office or call 775.445.3264 and ask to be added to the Work Study Waiting List. Students on the waiting list will be awarded work study funds as funding becomes available.

Monitoring Work-Study Awards
Both supervisors and student employees should keep records of submitted payroll information and monitor earnings to circumvent exceeding the work-study award. The total work study award can be obtained from the students Financial Aid Summary in their MyWNC account or from the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator. Work-study balances should also appear on the Payroll Rosters each pay period. Supervisors should review the amounts available to ensure that the student doesn’t exceed the awarded amount.

When a student earns all of the allocated fall funds, the student must stop working until the spring semester begins. Any unearned funds from the fall semester can be carried forward and be earned in the spring. Unearned awards cannot be carried forward to the summer or to another academic year. The Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator will work with supervisors to adjust student awards as needed to ensure that the majority of award funds are earned. Currently no work-study awards (FWS, NSEP, WSEP, and RSP) are issued for the summer at Western Nevada College. Summer student employment is limited and usually sustained by state or departmental accounts.

Supervisors and students should calculate the number of hours a student is eligible to work during the academic year. The following formula can be used:

\[
\text{Total Award} / \text{Hourly Wage} = \text{Total Number of Hours Available to Work}
\]

When setting the students schedule consider the following factors:
- Students are prohibited from working during times they are scheduled to be in class
- While classes are in session students cannot exceed 20 hours per week or 8 hours per day
- Student must have adequate supervision during all hours worked
- Students must report all hours worked (they cannot “volunteer” time)

Revised Allocations
Student awards may increase or decrease from changes in the student’s enrollment status, financial need, or student budget. Also any adjustment to the student’s hourly pay rate, retroactive pay, or employment in another work-study position will change the student’s award amount. Appropriate adjustments to the student’s schedule should be made by the student and supervisor to remain within the award amount.
Position Creation and Hiring Process

Developing a Student Employee Position

Employer Eligibility
Employers must meet the following requirements before they are eligible to participate in the various student employment programs.

Civil Rights Compliance:
No person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, age, or sex, except where is a bona fide occupational qualification, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded by Federal financial assistance.

Non-Profit Status:
In order to be considered non-profit, an organization must be incorporated as such under State law. An organization’s non-profit status is its classification by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization. Agencies, which may employ students under this program, would include almost any federal, state, county, or municipal office, agency or program or any private non-profit service organization, agency, program, or corporation.

Work Performed Is In The Public Interest:
The services to be performed on and off campus by students, especially within the Regents Service Program (RSP), must provide broad benefits to the population at large in order to be considered in the public interest.

Displacement of Regular Worker Prohibited:
Employment under the Federal Work-Study, Nevada Student Employment Program, Western Student Employment Program, Regents Service Program, State Student Wages, or General Improvement Funds must not result in the displacement of employed workers or impair the program’s ability to create new and expanded job opportunities. Employers are cautioned against the use of students in jobs that traditionally and customarily have been filled by the employment of full-time personnel from outside the organization.

Religious Worship:
Federal Work-Study positions must not involve the construction, operation, or maintenance of that part of any facility, which may be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship. The particular position to which the student is assigned must not involve in any way the sectarian instruction or the religious activities of an organization.

Political Involvement Prohibited:
Work provided under the program must not involve any partisan or non-partisan political activity.
Dues and Fees Prohibited:
No employer may solicit, or permit to be solicited, any of the following, from any student as a condition or prerequisite for the student’s employment:

- Fees
- dues of any kind
- compensation of any kind
- commission of any kind
- a gift or gratuity of any kind

For example, if a student is required to belong to a union and pay dues as a condition for employment, then the employer, not the student, must pay the dues while they are employed under any student employment program.

Supervision Must Be Adequate:
The employing organization must be a responsible employer with professional direction and staff, and must provide adequate supervision for student employees.

Compensation Must Be Appropriate:
Employment under the program should provide adequate and appropriate compensation, as are appropriate and reasonable considering factors as type of work performed, geographical region, proficiency of the employee and applicable Federal regulations.

Work Should Contribute to Student’s Development:
Every effort will be made to assign students to jobs in areas of their major academic interests, so that the tasks may contribute to the student’s educational development.

Job Classifications

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<td>Duties:</td>
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<td>Qualifications:</td>
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<td>Examples:</td>
<td>Filing, answering phones, shelving books, and typing rough drafts from notes, copying, washing laboratory glassware, stocking shelves, and manual tasks involving light physical effort.</td>
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### Student Employee II

**Wage**: $9.00 – $12.00 per hour

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<td>Qualifications:</td>
<td>Adequate skills to perform specific duties without detailed supervision and some job related experiences is required.</td>
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<td>Finish typing projects according to prescribed formats, basic word processing, reviewing documents for completeness, data entry, cashiering, posting, simple hardware/software maintenance under supervision, library research, and situations requiring some judgment. Also positions requiring manual skills and arduous physical work.</td>
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### Student Employee III

**Wages**: $10.25 to $15.00

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<th>Require specialized knowledge and tasks that are varied and nature. Positions require decision making and judgment to complete assigned tasks.</th>
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<td>Qualifications:</td>
<td>Specialized training to include computer skills, word processing and data analysis, or tutoring experience, etc.</td>
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<td>Examples:</td>
<td>Providing research support for library patrons, detailed support roles for department, preparing lesson plans and providing tutor support in Elementary School setting, providing computer support consistent with Computing Services policy and procedure, peer mentoring, program development, etc.</td>
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### Hiring Procedures

**Student Process**

1. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to determine financial need for work-study and student employment programs. (Not all position are need based, see student employment types for more information.)

2. If not awarded work study initially, request to be added to the Work Study Waiting List in the Financial Assistance Office.

3. Once you have been awarded work study OR if a department is hiring through their own departmental funds, complete a Student Employment Application and Hiring Packet, available in the Financial Assistance Office.
4. Schedule an appointment with the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator to turn in the application and hiring packet.

5. Visit the WNC online Job Board at [www.wnc.edu/jobs/student_jobs/](http://www.wnc.edu/jobs/student_jobs/) to view available positions if you do not already have a position lined up.

6. Contact the appropriate person listed on the job announcement to schedule an interview.

7. Attend interviews, provide supervisors with information regarding school schedule, academic and career goals, and work experience.

8. If a department is hiring a student they will inform the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator. All hiring documents must be turned in at least 3 business days prior to the first day of employment.

9. Once all paperwork is completed, a Personal Action Form (PAF, also referred to as a “contract”) will be routed to the supervisor for signatures. Students and supervisors must sign the student’s Personnel Action Form prior to any hours worked.

**On Campus Supervisor Process**

1. Submit a Job Description & Student Employment Request to the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator.

2. The Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator will post the position online on the WNC on campus job board.

3. Interview students – consider the following:
   a. If your department is not covering the student wages, confirm the student has been awarded work study funding.
   b. Provide a clear description of the position, the required tasks, and your expectation of students employees.
   c. Evaluate the student based on experience, knowledge, skills, ability, and goals. Consider the student’s ability to work with others in the department.
   d. Discuss the hourly rate of the position, based on the required tasks, the student skills, abilities, and prior work experience.
   e. Discuss the student’s school schedule and the potential hours the student would be available to work.

4. Email the Student Employment Coordinator with your intention to hire a student and the rate at which you would like to pay the student. The student must submit all hiring documents must at least 3 business days prior to the first day of employment. A student contract will not be issued until all hiring documents are complete.

5. Students and supervisors must sign the student’s Personnel Action Form prior to any hours worked.
Off Campus Supervisor Process

1. Work with the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator to develop an Off Campus Agreement including:
   - Memorandum of Agreement
   - Position Description
   - Schedule I
   - Schedule II

2. Complete and return all required documents by US mail or deliver to the Financial Assistance Office.

3. Review the job description and identify elements that would make a student successful in the position.

4. The Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator will refer students to supervisors when students show an interest in the position.

5. Interview students – consider the following:
   a. If your department is not covering the student wages, confirm the student has been awarded work study funding.
   b. Provide a clear description of the position, the required tasks, and your expectation of students employees.
   c. Evaluate the student based on experience, knowledge, skills, ability, and goals. Consider the students ability to work with others in the department.
   d. Discuss the hourly rate of the position, based on the required tasks, the student skills, abilities, and prior work experience.
   e. Discuss the student’s school schedule and the potential hours the student would be available to work.

6. Consult with the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator to determine the student’s work-study award amount.

7. Email the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator with your intention to hire a student. The student must submit all hiring documents must at least 3 business days prior to the first day of employment. A student contract will not be issued until all hiring documents are complete.

8. Students and supervisors must sign the student’s Personnel Action Form prior to any hours worked.
Hiring Documents
All hiring documents and a supervisor’s confirmation of their intent to hire a student must be submitted to the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator at least 3 business days prior to the student’s first day of employment.

- Student Employment Application
- W-4
- I-9
- Direct Deposit (optional)
- Alcohol and Drug Free Work Place Policy Statement
- Designation of a Beneficiary (optional)
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements
- Sexual Harassment Policy Statement Acknowledgement
- Work Place Safety
- FERPA Basics and Confidentiality Contract
- Variable Work Schedule
- Personnel Action Form

Rehiring a Student Employee/Continuing Employment
Student employment is based on the student’s eligibility for a particular academic year. An academic year runs from July 1st to June 30th annually. Students who wish to continue their employment in the next academic year should apply early. As funds are limited, students who complete the financial aid application process prior to the April 1st priority funding deadline have the best chance of initially being awarded work-study funds.

If students are not initially awarded work-study funds (FWS, NSEP, WSEP, or RSP) they should contact the Financial Assistance Office to be added to the work-study waiting list.

All student employment is based on the availability of funds each academic year. Students who wish to return to department, state wages, or GIP, or other non-need based program positions should consult with the student employment coordinator and the supervisor concerning the continued availability of funding.

All student employees must meet the general student employee eligibility requirements and satisfactory academic progress requirements to continue their employment from year to year (See Student Employment Eligibility on p. 6 for specifics)

Payroll Procedures

Record Keeping, Timesheets, and Audits

Departmental Records
Federal regulations require that actual hours and days worked by students should be documented and signed by the supervisor and the student.
Student Timesheets
Timesheets are available in the Financial Assistance Office. The Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator can email a timesheet to you as well.

The following guidelines should be followed when filling out a timesheet:
- All sections of the timesheet must be completed
- All hours worked must be reported
- Hours worked should be reported to the nearest quarter hour (example 1.25, 1.5, or 1.75 hours)
- Hours should be kept on a daily basis
- Any deletions or alterations to the form should be initialed or noted by the student and the supervisor
- If a student works during class hours, the reason must be noted

NOTE: Timesheets must be signed by the student and the supervisor. The timesheets should be stored in a student specific file in the department the student is employed. Supervisors should be able to produce timesheets at the request of an audit.

Payroll Rosters
Payroll rosters will be delivered to departments prior to the payroll deadline. Payroll rosters will be faxed to supervisors in Fallon, Douglas, and the rural centers. Total hours worked should be transferred from the student timesheets to the payroll rosters and returned to the Financial Assistance Office by the deadline. Payroll rosters must be filled out completely and be signed by the supervisor. Payroll rosters must be delivered, faxed or scanned and emailed to the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator by the supervisor or a designated staff member – payroll rosters **will not be accepted from students.**
Copies of payroll rosters must be available for an audit – so don’t forget to keep a copy for your department’s records.

Audits
Departments should be prepared for an audit at any time from the Financial Assistance Office – Student Employment. Audits will be used to determine that departments are complying with policies regarding recording keeping and payroll. A department will be notified of an audit through email one week prior to the scheduled audit. The Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator will provide to the supervisor feedback from the audit.

Payroll Periods, Paydays, Payroll Cutoff, & Late Pay

Payroll Periods and Paydays
Students employees are paid on the 10th and 25th of each month. Hours earned from the 1st to the 15th of the month are paid on the 25th of each month. Hours earned from 16th to the end of the month are paid on the 10th of the next month. If a payday falls on the weekend or a holiday, the payday will be the last workday before the weekend or holiday.

Cutoff Schedule
Payroll cutoff schedules are available in the Financial Assistance Office. It is imperative that each student employee submits their timesheet to their supervisor by the proper due date.
Late Pay
Late payroll submissions will be held until the next payroll cutoff date and be submitted with next payroll batch. The student will miss a paycheck. A special check request can be made only if extenuating circumstances exist. The Financial Assistance Office-Student Employment will maintain strict adherence to the established payroll deadlines.

Paychecks and FICA

Paychecks
Students employees are paid on the 10th and 25th of each month. Paychecks will be sent to the student’s address listed in the HR system unless the student has set up direct deposit with the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator. If the student needs to change their address they will need to submit their new address to the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator in order to update the HR system.

FICA
FICA is a social security and Medicare taxes on employee wages. Both the employer and the employee make a matching contribution.

During the Fall/Spring a student employee is exempt from FICA if:
- The student is eligible for student employment
- Has international student status

During the summer, a student employee is FICA exempt, if:
- Is enrolled for at least 1 credit and meets the summer school eligibility requirements
- Has international student status
- As summer payroll is processed, the Student Employment Coordinator will confirm if students are enrolled in at least 1 credit. Student who are not enrolled and are thus not exempt from FICA will be sent to BCN Payroll. The Student Employment Coordinator will notify BCN Payroll of student not meeting the 1 credit requirement

If a student is employed on another type of contract in addition to the student employment contract the student is not exempt from FICA.

Payroll Submission

On-Campus Supervisors
1. Collect timesheets from your students
   - Paper timesheet these must be signed by the student and the supervisor. The timesheets should be stored in a student specific file. Supervisors must be able to produce timesheets at the request of an audit.

2. Review timesheets for accuracy
   - Confirm the students have not worked during scheduled class times.
3. Review your payroll roster
   - Students should be listed in alphabetical order
   - If a student is not listed, please add them to the blank page attached to your roster.
     Students that are not listed were hired after the cutoff to have them appear on the payroll roster. As long as a contract has been issued, signed and returned to the Student Employment Coordinator students can report hours.

4. Write in the number of hours worked for each individual student

5. Count the number of students on your payroll roster that reported hours for the designated pay period and enter this number into EMP CNT

6. Total the number of hours reported for the designated pay period and enter this number into TTL HRS

7. Total the pay rates on your payroll roster for students that reported hours for the designated pay period and enter this number into TTL RATE

8. Sign the payroll roster in the APPROVED line. If there are multiple pages each page must have a signature

9. Supervisors or another designated staff member should walk the payroll roster to the FAO by the deadline. For supervisors in Fallon, Douglas or rural centers, the payroll roster should be faxed or scanned and emailed to the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator and a copy with the original signatures should be sent through interoffice mail. STUDENTS MAY NOT TURN IN PAYROLL ROSTERS OR INDIVIDUAL TIMESHEETS!

10. Late submissions will not be processed until the next payroll cycle

**Off-Campus Supervisors**

1. Collect timesheets from your students
   - Paper timesheet these must be signed by the student and the supervisor. The timesheets should be stored in a student specific file. Supervisors must be able to produce timesheets at the request of an audit

2. Review timesheets for accuracy

3. Sign the student timesheet in the supervisor APPROVED line

4. Supervisors or another designated staff member should fax the timesheet to the FAO by the deadline at 775-445-3058. STUDENTS MAY NOT TURN IN PAYROLL TIMESHEETS!

5. Late submissions will not be processed until the next payroll cycle
Student Employee & Supervisor Expectations

**Student Employee Responsibilities**

Students are expected to perform their assignments in a responsible and mature manner. They are required to comply with the directions of their supervisors and to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with their responsibilities. Students who fail to perform in a satisfactory manner will be removed from their assignment and may be removed from the program. Student employees are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

**Punctuality:**
Student employees must be on time. They must call their supervisor if unforeseen circumstances arise that will cause them to be late.

**Absences:**
Student employees should notify supervisors in advance of times they will be unable to work. If an extended absence is anticipated, the duration should be given to the supervisor. The supervisor is responsible or approving all time off.

NOTE: Time management is important. As a student employee, you are expected to balance your work and school demands appropriately. Your supervisor does not have to approve time off to study for exams, etc.

**Dress Code:**
As employees of the college, how student employees dress reflects upon WNC. Although there is no formal dress code, attire must be appropriate for the workplace. At time of hire, student employees should discuss appropriate dress for their position with their supervisor. Supervisors have the final say on what is appropriate in their workplace

As a rule, the following clothing is not considered appropriate for the workplace:

- Halter Tops, spaghetti straps, mid-drifts
- Clothing that is soiled or that contains advertisements for alcohol or drug products, or contain a logo or message that may be interpreted as offensive or oppressive

Remember, your work as a student employee is more than a “dress rehearsal” for after graduation.

**Office Policies:**
Student employees should discuss office policies and procedures with their supervisor before beginning work.

**Guests:**
Student employees should not invite friends into the office during work hours to visit.

**Work Assignments:**
The first priority of the student employee is to gain experience that fosters a positive work ethic. If student employees do not have something to do, they should ask their supervisor for additional work or find something that needs to be done.
Respect:
Proper respect should be shown to College employees, other student employees and students. It is expected that all employees will be courteous and helpful to others.

Confidentiality:
Work-related information is confidential and should not be discussed with others in or outside of the department where a student is employed.

Emergency Situations in the Work Area:
When emergency situations occur, the student employee should immediately notify their supervisor. If the supervisor is not available, the student should contact Public Safety personnel at Ext 3308 or 775-230-1952.

Supervisor Responsibilities

Supervisors’ are responsible for the following policies and procedures.

Request Positions and Hire Students:
- Prepare a job description and request student positions with Student Employment
- Interview and hire student employees
- Complete any necessary employment forms, such as the Personnel Action Form (PAF)
- If a department no longer wants a position to be advertised they must request it be removed.

Monitor Work-Study Awards and Set Student Schedule:
- Monitor the students work hours in relation to the work-study award
- Ensure that the student works within the published guidelines, no more than 20 hours per week when classes are in session, no more than 8 hours a day when classes are in session. No more than 40 hours a week when classes are not in session
- Set ground rules for scheduling student hours, absences, and other schedule changes
- Ensure students do not work when they have a scheduled class.

Payroll:
- Report payroll information
- Store copies of all student timesheets and be able to produce them at the request of an audit

Communicate with the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator:
- Notify the Student Employment Coordinator when considering terminating a student employee
- Notify the Student Employment Coordinator of any changes in your student employee’s enrollment level
- Notify the Student Employment Coordinator when positions are available, have been filled, or the job description changes in any way

Supervision:
- Be clear about the responsibilities of the positions
- Provide the student employee with ongoing feedback
- Supervisors or a designated supervisor must be present when a student is scheduled to work
Other Student Employment Policies

Benefits
Student employees are covered during work hours by worker’s compensation insurance for work related injuries. Student employees are not eligible to receive or employment benefits such as paid holidays, vacation and sick leave, retirement benefits, differential pay, etc.

Concurrent Employment
In some approved cases, a student may work in more than one position on campus. However, only one work study fund can be used at a time (FWS, NSEP, WSEP, or RSP). If the student is employed in more than one student employment position they should inform all supervisors and still adhere to the hourly limitations.

Employee/Employer Conflicts
Student employees and supervisors both share the responsibility of addressing problems during the terms of a student’s employment. The following guidelines can be successful in dealing with potential conflicts:

• Recognized and address the problems as they arise. Work with the student or supervisor to deal with issues before they begin to snowball.
• Review the job descriptions and requirements to ensure that both parties have clear understanding of the expectations.
• Consult the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator for assistance.
• If the issue persists after verbal warnings, notify the student in writing the corrective action that needs to be taken.
• Keep clear records and documentation.
• Consult the Student Employment Coordinator prior to a termination (See Termination for more information)

Equal Opportunity Employment
WNC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The college does not discriminate on the basis of national origin, race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status. It is our policy to comply fully with the nondiscrimination provision of all state and federal regulations with regard to recruitment, admission, financial aid, activities, hiring, promotions, training, terminations, benefits and compensation.

Evaluation Process
Currently there is no formal or required evaluation process for student employees. If a department does evaluate their student employees (which is encouraged), a copy of that evaluation should be submitted to the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator to be added to the student’s employment file.

FERPA
Student Employees are protected by FERPA guidelines due to their student status. For further clarification of FERPA guidelines contact WNC Admissions & Records or go online to http://www.wnc.edu/studentservices/admissions/privacy.php.
**Hours**

**Banking Hours**
It is imperative that the time indicated on the official time sheet reflect exactly the actual hours worked by the student to the nearest quarter hour. The practice of “banking” hours, i.e., paying a student in one pay period for work performed in another period (either previous or in the future) is absolutely prohibited. The time sheet must always indicate the hours actually worked on the days actually worked.

**Breaks**
A student scheduled for a 4 hour consecutive work period is entitled to a 15 minute break. The supervisor should approve the time of the break. Students working more than 6 hours must take an unpaid break of at least 30 minutes. This must be reflected on the timecard by listing each time in and time out. Students may not work more than 8 hours in one day, or no more than 20 hours in any week when classes are in session.

**Overtime**
No overtime is authorized.

**Volunteering Time**
It is important to note that the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, prohibits a covered employer from accepting voluntary services from any paid employee. Therefore, any student who is employed under a work-study program must be paid for all hours worked. Any hours in excess of the maximum allowable per pay period, as defined by the Student Employment Coordinator, will be charged 100% to the supervisor’s department, or to the elementary school employer in the case of reading and math tutors.

**Work Hour Limitations / Variable Workday Schedule**
Students cannot work more than 8 hours in one day, or no more than 20 hours in any week when classes are in session. When classes are not in session students can work 8 hours in one day, or no more than 40 hours in one week.

Supervisors are required to work around the student’s class schedule and student employees are prohibited from working during scheduled class times.

**Termination**
The employer may terminate a student employee when there is a breach of behavior by the student, inadequate performance, or any other seriously unsatisfactory performance situation. However, the reasons for a student’s dismissal must be reported in writing to the Student Employment Coordinator. Some examples of unsatisfactory work performance may include:

- Repeated failure of the employee to comply with an agreed work schedule.
- Unwillingness of the employee to adequately accomplish the assigned tasks.
- Insubordination or lack of cooperation that would be considered a distraction to other workers.
Upon receipt of written notification of unsatisfactory job performance, the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator, after consultation with the student, may reassign the student to a new position or withdraw future student employment funds from the student’s financial aid award package. Funds that are withdrawn will be reallocated to other students within the student employment programs.

**Wage Rates**
Pay rates for students are recommended in the Job Classification section of this document. WNC observes the established Federal minimum wage and Nevada minimum wage.

**Raises:**
Students are eligible to receive a raise for satisfactory performance or a change in their job description. Supervisors should consult with the Scholarship & Student Employment Coordinator when planning on issuing a raise.

**Working for Instructors**
Work-Study students may be assigned to assist an individual instructor if the work involved is the type for which the institution would normally support under its own employment program. This is appropriate as long as the work performed by the student is in line with the instructor’s official duties and is considered work for the institution itself and does not violate the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.