**30 Hours of Career-Life Exploration**

One of the **most common inquiries** we get in the Career Centre is regarding **“volunteer hours required for graduation.”** This message is to provide clarity around the 30 hours Career-Life Exploration component in the Career Life Connections curriculum.

The CLC curriculum defines the 30 hour career-life exploration as: "substantive experiential learning (30 hours or more) that is intended to expand and/or deepen student exposure to career-life possibilities. **Based on student needs and interests, it can include service learning, volunteerism, employment, fieldwork projects, entrepreneurship, and passion projects."** (BC Ministry of Education - Career Life Connections Curriculum - Content Elaborations, p. 6, June 2018)

As defined above in the Ministry curriculum document, students **do not** need to complete **30 hours of work or volunteer experience** but rather satisfy this 30 hour requirement in the ways listed above.

Also important to note, the 30-hours of career-life exploration is listed as **a curricular competency in the CLC curriculum.** Therefore, it should be completed in conjunction with the student taking the course.

As this is a curricular competency, there is no need for the Career Centre to collect evidence of the 30 hours of career-life exploration, rather the CLC classroom teacher will work with students on this during the delivery of the CLC course.

