

WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE CAMP II

# WWEF Camp

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The Workplace Experience Exchange Camp II is an immersive summer experience for educators, connecting classroom teaching to real-world business and industry trends, skill requirements, experiences, and opportunities, with an intense focus on the skills needed in today's workforce.

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# WHY WEE CAMP II

**Educators become better at their jobs when they can relate real-world examples to the content delivered to their students.** Thus, the Workplace Exchange (WEE) Camp was born in 2015 as Central Louisiana's first industry externship program for educators.

**The goal** of WEE Camp is to provide experiences for educators to learn through direct, hands-on experience about trends, skill requirements, and opportunities in industries within the region.

WEE Camp is often the first time that Cenla educators are granted access to step into the workplace and view regional jobs through their students' eyes. As they walk through and experience the operations at partnering job sites, educators cultivate a new appreciation for the skills and proficiencies their students will need in their future careers. They receive insight into workplace practices, policies, and needed skills for today's jobs.

WEE Camp II focuses on the manufacturing and healthcare sectors, two of Cenla's fastest growing sectors. For two full days, educators are immersed in the day-to-day operations of some of the region's key manufacturers and healthcare providers. The program uses inquiry-based learning, which challenges educators to think more like employers. WEE Camp II then joins WEE Camp I for the remainder of the WEE Camp program.



## What Are They Saying?

**100%**

**Educators** reported that they were more aware of employers' workplace readiness requirements & learned about new occupations.

**100%**

**Host sites** agreed that WEE Camp is a great way to bridge the gap between classroom & college/career readiness. They would host a group in the future.

**100%**

All **educators** learned about academic aspects of employers' skill requirements & identified ways to transfer them to the classroom.

**84%**

Most of the **educators** thought the time they spent at each site was just about right.

**100%**

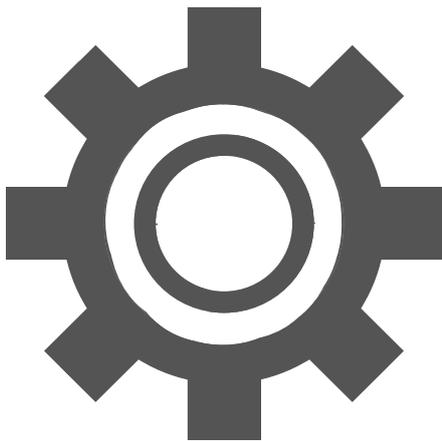
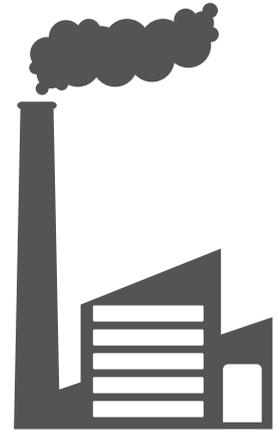
All **educators** said that the WEE Camp experience was related to their own subject matter.

\*Results from post-WEE Camp II satisfaction surveys

# HOW WE DO IT

## INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

In 2019, WEE educators were connected to **9 organizations**. Two in-depth days were spent at Cleco, RoyOMartin, and CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Hospital. WEE Camp II then joined WEE Camp I to interface with other local employers in healthcare and manufacturing.



## EDUCATORS

**5 educators** were accepted to WEE Camp I, representing **5 schools** in **4 school districts**. They came from diverse disciplines: Journey to Careers, JAG, and more.

## COLLABORATION

Educators forge connections with industry and gain other practical knowledge of the workplace. They bring their real-world experiences back into classrooms for the benefit of the students.



# WEE CAMP II FEEDBACK

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WEE Camp II . . . was more intimate and allowed us to build stronger relationships and take in more information. Thank you so much for the opportunity!

**BRANDIE CRAIN , EDUCATOR  
BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL**

[WEE Camp II] represented more one-on-one contact with employers than WEE Camp I. I liked the smaller group, and we formed an amazing bond. I wouldn't change anything about this camp. It was an amazing, eye-opening experience.

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**TAMMY WILBER, EDUCATOR  
LEESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

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WEE Camp is a great way to bridge the gap between secondary education and college/career readiness. It is important for educators and employers to work together to prepare students.

**SHANNON SENVIEL, HOST SITE  
CLECO**

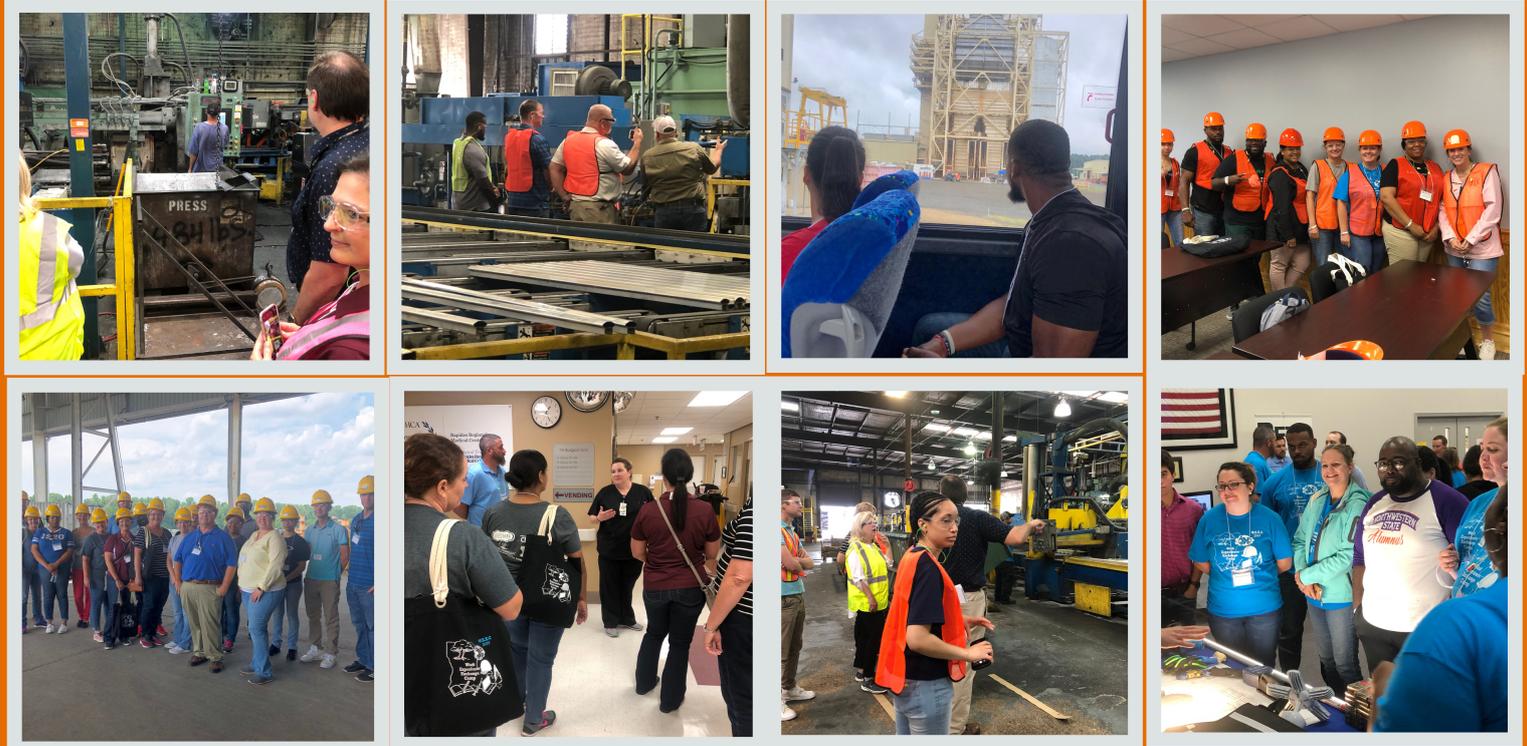
There are many careers in the health care setting that students may not know about, so WEE Camp is a great way to bridge the gap. I would host another group of teachers next year.

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**CELESTE BORDELON, HOST SITE  
CHRISTUS ST. FRANCES CABRINI HOSPITAL**



# WEE CAMP SNAPS



## INDUSTRY PARTNERS

