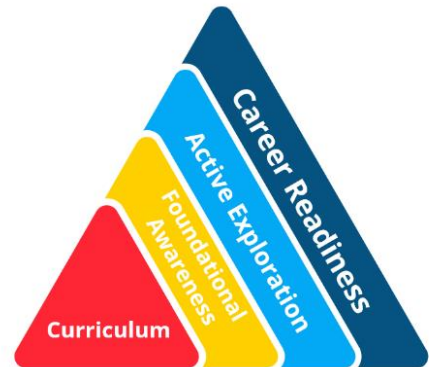


# Centres of Excellence Learning Model

## Curriculum Focused:

Centres of Excellence activities and opportunities connect to the New Brunswick Holistic Curriculum Framework while introducing learners to career pathways in critical sectors in the province. They support educators by providing relevant and authentic experiences that help students build funds of knowledge and spark interest critical sectors in New Brunswick. These resources also support EECD's 10-Year Education Plan, Global Competencies, Sustainable Development Goals, and the New Brunswick Career Education Framework.



## Foundational Awareness:

Learning supports in this category introduce learners to career pathways in critical sectors in New Brunswick and describe the skills and competencies relevant to specific fields. They also help learners build funds of knowledge and provide engaging entry points for deeper learning. These supports model critical pedagogies, support global competencies, and launch big ideas from the Holistic Curriculum Framework. Educators can use these supports as resources to spark curiosity and can expand and/or adapt activities to suit the unique learners in their classrooms.

## Active Exploration:

Learning supports in this category engage learners with knowledge, skills, or competencies specific to a career pathway in a critical sector in New Brunswick, while supporting skill descriptors from the Holistic Curriculum Framework. These activities and opportunities may involve project or project-based learning, and have the potential to be extended and adjusted by the educator for use in multiple contexts.

## Career Readiness:

The Centres of Excellence connect learners and educators with a network of industry and community partners. Microcredits, Co-op placements, mini-internships, and mentorships can prepare students for exciting careers in critical sectors in New Brunswick. These experiential learning activities should be followed by reflection and documented in a learner's MyBluePrint portfolio to ensure maximum benefit.

## Career Education Framework:

Experiences at each tier of the Centres of Excellence Learning model engage students in thinking about, exploring, and experiencing potential career pathways through career-connected experiential learning.

- 1 **THINKING ABOUT MY POTENTIAL CAREER PATHWAY:** Developing an informed vision for the future linked to my interests, preferences, values, and abilities.
- 2 **EXPLORING MY POTENTIAL CAREER PATHWAY:** Critically investigating the labour market and career pathways that I can expect to find most fulfilling.
- 3 **EXPERIENCING MY POTENTIAL CAREER PATHWAY:** Learning about career pathways of interest by engaging in frequent and ongoing career-connected experiential learning.

