Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Employment and Training

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Student SNAP Eligibility

Students enrolled at least half time in an institution of higher learning do not qualify for SNAP, unless:

- Aged 17 or under; 50 or over
- Physically or mentally unfit
- Enrolled in TANF
- Working 20 hours or more per week
- Enrolled in work study
- Enrolled in On-the-Job training
- Caring for a dependent under 6 years
- Enrolled in SNAP Employment and Training
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Enrolling students in an E&T component can both:

- Help qualify them for SNAP, increasing food security
- Provide opportunities to gain skills, training, or experience that will improve their employment prospects
E&T can provide participants reimbursement for:

- Child care services
- Transportation services
- Tuition and Books required by the E&T component
E&T Opportunities

State agencies can partner with third-party organizations to administer a variety of E&T activities. These often include institutions of higher learning, which provide students with:

- Vocational Training
- Adult Basic Education
- High School Equivalency Programs
- English as a Second Language Courses
- Literacy Training
Minimum participation and duration requirements can vary depending on the component, and are set by the State Agency.

- Minimum participation is usually, but not always, at least 12 hours per month.
- State agencies cannot mandate more than 120 hours per month, but clients are free to participate above that.
- Duration requirements/limitations can generally be anywhere from 3 months to 2 years (for vocational training components).

California Examples:

- A vocational training component in Alameda County requires 20 to 30 hours of participation per week.
- An education component in Santa Clara County lasts 6 months, and may be extended up to 12 months.
Third-Party Organization Responsibilities

- Offer appropriate and allowable E&T activities
- Assess E&T participants and place them in appropriate E&T activities
- Monitor and track participation
- Monitor and track cost-allocated staff time and other associated administrative expenses.
- Provide support services, such as:
  - case management
  - early intervention
  - career counseling
  - participant reimbursements
  - referrals to additional program and services
Best Practices

Washington’s statewide partnerships with colleges offer a wide variety of certification programs, including…

- Accounting
- Bookkeeping
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Medical Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- Automotive Tech
- Diesel Tech
- Carpentry Tech
- Office Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Welding
- Cyber Security
- Early Childhood Education
- Culinary
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Energy Tech
- Human Services
- Forest Tech
For more information on how your organization can get involved with SNAP E&T, please contact your county’s CalFresh agency.

Thank you!