

# Co-operative Education 120

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Hello class, if you are working towards a **Credit** in this course, instead of enrolled on your transcript, please let me know.

Last week we examined the importance of **Communication** skills for work and for life. Collaboration, or **Teamwork**, is another skill that employers look for in their employees. Working with others is probably something you have done at home with family members and at school with your peers. No matter what career path you choose, you will have to work with other people. Putting our heads together and learning from one another while learning about our own strengths helps the workplace function effectively and efficiently. How do we do this successfully?

Collaboration is defined as a cooperative arrangement where two or more people work together towards achieving a common goal. This is much like teamwork, which is a group of people performing their individual roles to contribute to the achievement of a common goal. Can you see the slight difference? Whether working individually or with a partner, reaching a common goal is paramount to the success of any workplace. For this week, we will focus on teamwork skills.

- Why are teams essential to success? Summarize your findings.

<https://www.atlassian.com/blog/teamwork/the-importance-of-teamwork>

- What are the different types of teams? Summarize your findings.

<https://www.capsim.com/blog/what-different-types-of-teams-are-in-the-workplace/>

- Did you know that you can learn a lot about teamwork from geese? Read the following article and explain what lessons we can learn from these birds.

<https://lenwilson.us/5-thing-geese-can-teach-us-about-teamwork/>

- What evidence did you see of teamwork at your work placement? Give examples of what you saw that was good and bad. If they asked your opinion on what improvements they could make, what advice would you offer?

Have a great week,  
you've got this! 😊



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