Work in Water

Wichita State University’s Environmental Finance Center’s Work in Water Experience teaches Kansas high school students about the critical role that public water utilities fill in their community. This unique, hands-on learning program allows students to see first-hand the skills, technology, and people that are working to ensure the public has access to safe, healthy drinking water and water recycling resources.

This educational program, designed by WSU Environmental Finance Center as part of the Careers in Water Stewardship project, aims to increase young people’s knowledge of the importance of water treatment for the environment and public health, and to stimulate interest in occupations in environmental water management.

The WSU program utilizes in-classroom experience learning as well as an internship opportunity for high school students interested in working at their community’s drinking water treatment plant and wastewater treatment facility. This unique program allows students to network with water industry professionals, take part in public service and career development opportunities, and build transferable skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and effective communication.

The Work in Water Program was designed to be shared and continued by communities and public works departments across Kansas who are looking to promote the public water industry. The Environmental Finance Center provides online resources for communities seeking to build their own educational program. The resources are available online at www.https://bit.ly/2xuFMbM. Contact Tonya Bronleewe, Program Manager, at tonya.bronleewe@wichita.edu.

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