North American Trends in Cooperative Education and Sport Degree Programs in Post Secondary Education

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In this paper, I will discuss three specific current trends in cooperative education in North American post secondary institutions and in sport degree programs delivered these institutions. A third section of the paper will bring these two discussions together to provide the reader with some perspective on some of the opportunities and challenges faced by cooperative education sport degree programs in North America. The label of 'sport degree program' is used in this paper to include programs leading to careers in school based physical education, recreation and leisure, kinesiology, sport administration and coaching, and health promotion.

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