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Due to the current and anticipated shortage of nurses within the state, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, with the support of the Illinois Community College Board, has initiated a Demonstration Project to develop a model Nursing Program of Study to successfully transition students into this needed healthcare field. The College of Dupage and John A. Logan College have each been awarded separate grants to assemble appropriate partners to explore the Health Sciences Career Cluster, Therapeutic Services Pathway, and ending with the Nursing Program of Study. Each community college is working with a business and industry partner in their region (Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council in the north and Connect SI in the south) to ensure full participation of these sectors within the planning process and ensure the skills needed to be successful in the nursing field are met in the program of study being developed. The secondary component of this project includes both the Northwest Suburban Education to Careers Partnership along with the Partnership for College and Career Success who serves high schools in Franklin, Hamilton, and Jefferson counties, Pinckneyville and Wayne City High Schools, and Rend Lake College to begin work on developing a freshman level orientation course around the Health Science cluster and to pilot the course within their respective regions for students showing an interest in this occupational area.

This project requires both the College of Dupage and John A. Logan to work with secondary, postsecondary, and business and industry partners to discuss the cluster and pathway level knowledge and skill sets needed to successfully complete a Nursing program of study and be successful in the transition from school to work. Regional information developed from each college will be incorporated into one statewide model that will serve as a guide for local implementation for those currently offering a nursing program of study.

Initial Meetings brought together the key stakeholders of the projects, introduced the concept of career clusters and pathways, and discussed the knowledge and skill sets needed to begin the development of Nursing Program of Study. The federal Career Clusters Initiative provides cluster and pathway level knowledge and skill statements that each project is reviewing to determine what best fits the needs of those students within Illinois.

Both colleges will meet with their respective regions in January to finalize the cluster level knowledge and skill statements. Once the cluster materials have been defined, the project will proceed to produce the pathway level knowledge and skill sets also to be incorporated into the overall program of study.

With the completion of the cluster level knowledge and skill statements, additional Health Science Pathway Development Teams (to be determined by the ICCB and ISBE) in the areas of Diagnostic Services, Support Service, Health Informatics, and Biotechnology Research and Development can utilize these materials as they proceed with their individual pathway development models.

If you have any questions as they relate to the Nursing Demonstration Project, please contact Kristy Morelock via phone at 217-558-4929 or e-mail at kristy.morelock@illinois.gov



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FY09 Career and Technical Education Grant Package

The Illinois Community College Board is pleased to announce the release of the fiscal year 2009 Community College Career and Technical Education Grant Package that includes:

- 1) The Career and Technical Education Innovation Grant
- 2) The Career and Technical Education Program Improvement Grant
- 3) The Career and Technical Education Regional Collaboration Grant
- 4) The Career and Technical Education Supplemental Perkins Title I Grant

Collectively, these grants provide \$2,586,345 in state and federal funding to the community college system in support of career and technical education programs across the state.

All grant information can be accessed at: <http://www.iccb.org/postsecondary.html> (**scroll down to the "Fiscal Year 2009" section**).

Only Illinois Community Colleges are eligible to apply for and/or receive these funds.

If you have questions please contact Rob Kerr, Director of Career and Technical Education, at (217) 785-0068 or rob.kerr@illinois.gov.

Illinois Programs of Study Website Update

The Illinois Community College Board continues to work with the Center for the Application of Information Technologies (CAIT) on the development of the Programs of Study website that will soon replace the existing Tech Prep website. Such features on the new website will include, but not be limited to:

- 1.) Illinois Career Clusters framework
- 2.) Statewide models developed from the Pathway Development Teams;
- 3.) Statewide community college program offerings by cluster/pathway; and
- 4.) National and statewide resources as they relate to career clusters/pathways/programs of study.

The project is expected to be completed in early 2009 that will include an official release to the career and technical education field within the state. Additional information will be released as the launch date for the website draws closer.

If you have any questions as they relate to the Programs of Study website development, please contact Kristy Morelock via e-mail at kristy.morelock@illinois.gov

2008 Forum for Excellence Recap

The 2008 Forum for Excellence provided a comprehensive look at the status of Programs of Study in Illinois and nationwide. Presentations ranged from a worldwide view in the documentary 2 Million Minutes, a national view from Kim Green, Director of the National Association of Career and Technical Education State Directors, and the Illinois perspective from the State of Illinois workforce education panel; to local Programs of Study Foundational Initiatives. Participants at the 2008 Forum for Excellence indicated that they found that:

- The information and background on career clusters and Perkins IV delivered by Kim Green was helpful, and applicable;
- Collaboration, coordination, and communication are essential components in the development of Programs of Study;
- Further professional development opportunities are requested;
- Workshops, conferences, webinars, and site visits as preferred methods of delivery for professional development.

As prescribed by Perkins IV, the content of the Forum for Excellence is an important part of a professional development plan for Illinois Community Colleges. Follow-up presentations, dissemination of resources and supportive technical assistance on Programs of Study will be provided through Regional Collaborative meetings and at additional gatherings of Perkins and Partnership professionals.

Dual Credit Summit Recap

The Dual Credit Summit was hosted by the Illinois Community College Board on October 6-7, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. Secondary and postsecondary partners were invited to attend the Summit with approximately two hundred total participants attending the event. Those participating in the Summit ranged from college administrators, college faculty, superintendents, principals, high school teachers, advisors, counselors, and workforce specialists.

The Summit targeted four larger general session topics that were each represented by a panel. Accompanying breakout sessions throughout both days built upon the topics from the general sessions as well as highlighted dual credit practices currently being utilized throughout the state at various community colleges.

The four general session topics included: (1) College Readiness/Success; (2) Historical Perspective of Dual Credit; (3) Strategies to Facilitate Transitions from Secondary to Postsecondary Education and; (4) Secondary Perspective of Dual Credit. The accompanying breakout sessions were tailored around Academic Integrity, State Policy, and NACEP Accreditation along with seven community college presentations on dual credit practices currently utilized in partnership with high school districts.

The presentations and handouts that were made available at the Dual Credit Summit can be accessed on the Illinois Community College Board website at the following link: <http://www.iccb.org/dcsummit2.html>



ICCB Program Advisory Committee

The ICCB Program Advisory Committee met in October to discuss issues pertinent to the currency and quality of academic programs offered by our community colleges. The PAC is made up of representatives from a variety of areas within any given community college. Representatives are nominated by ICCB Board members, ICCB Staff or colleagues and their terms last three years. Representation on the PAC currently includes college staff from Vice Presidents to Faculty to Accountability support and covers transfer education, career and technical education, remedial/developmental education, and community education.

The goals of this meeting were to discuss policy issues surrounding vocational skills course classification and approval, identify issues surrounding US Dept of Education Financial Aid Eligibility of programs, and seek input from the Committee regarding future revisions to the ICCB Administrative Rules. The group plans to meet again in January 2009. Please contact Tricia Broughton at 217-785-0082 or via e-mail at tricia.broughton@illinois.gov for information on the Program Advisory Committee.

Program Review Conference Calls—Don't Miss the Mark!

ICCB Staff is hosting a series of Conference Calls to discuss colleges' Program Review Summary Reports for Fiscal Year 2009. The discussion will include:

- Completing reviews for the CTE, Academic, Cross-Disciplinary, and Student Support Services sections;
- The do's and don't's of submission;
- Timelines, and;
- Requesting extensions/changes college submissions.

Staff hope these discussions will be both helpful and timely for completing your institution's program review due next fiscal year. The calls are scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd and Tuesday, 9th, 2008 from 1p.m. – 3p.m. Registration for this event is limited to 15 lines per call. Click on the following link to register your attendance at this event. <http://iccbdbsrv.iccb.org/programreview/register.cfm>

Additional calls will be made available if necessary to accommodate the field.

Call in information and a draft agenda will be sent closer to each meeting date.

For more information, please contact Tricia Broughton at 217-785-0082 or at tricia.broughton@illinois.gov.



Newly Launched CTE FAQ Page

The ICCB is pleased to announce the launch of a new feature for CTE administrators and staff on the agency website. The new "*Frequently Asked Questions*" section (which will replace the Getting Kandid with Kristy section of the newsletter) will be a valuable tool to pose questions related to CTE administration, grant management, programs of study, current state policy and much more.

To submit a question, bookmark the following link:

<http://iccbdsrv.iccb.org/ctefaq/submitquestion.cfm>

To review answered questions and the main FAQ area of our website, bookmark the following link:

<http://iccbdsrv.iccb.org/ctefaq/faqpage.cfm>

After state staff have reviewed and answered the question, you will be notified when an answer has been posted. You may also access this area of our website from the main page of our website under **Latest News & Events!** or under the **Administrator/Academic Affairs/Career and Technical Education** area of our website. We hope this aids you and helps answer your questions as we continue to strive for excellence in CTE Administration in Illinois.

OCCRL to Host Programs of Study Self-Assessment Workshop

The Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL) is hosting a workshop entitled, "Programs of Study Self-Assessment: Starting the Journey on the Right Foot" on December 10, 2008 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's I Hotel. The self-assessment process, introduced at the Forum for Excellence in September, was designed by OCCRL staff as a resource to guide implementation and evaluation of Programs of Study. The Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPPS) and workgroups involving practitioners from throughout the state of Illinois have been engaged in the development of Programs of Study Guiding Principles and Design Elements to be shared at this meeting. State leaders from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), along with ICSPPS and OCCRL, will assist partnership teams to begin the reflective dialogue needed to implement the self-assessment process. A panel of secondary and postsecondary practitioners representing partnerships who have begun the self-assessment process will share lessons learned.

In addition to the practitioner panel, the agenda for the workshop includes a morning session introducing the Programs of Study Self-Assessment Template and Guiding Principles and Design Elements of Programs of Study. The afternoon session will allow partnerships to assess strengths and weaknesses and design action plans for engaging partners and conducting the self-assessment at the local area. The workshop will conclude with a reflective activity encouraging participants to examine their roles and responsibilities as leaders of the transformation of education. A detailed schedule will be sent to registrants and posted on the OCCRL website during the first week in December.

As of November 19, 2008, the workshop reached enrollment capacity and OCCRL is no longer accepting registrants for the December workshop. If you intended to enroll and would like to attend a repeat workshop after the new year, please visit <http://occril-live-ed.uiuc.edu/?q=node/58> and provide your contact information. We encourage you to express your interest in a repeat workshop now.

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December 4, 2008

CSI-CTE Regional Collaborative Holiday Meeting
 Time to be Announced
 Frontier Community College—Fairfield, IL

February 12, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Ask the Expert: Educating English Language Learners in Illinois
Spoon River College, Macomb, IL
 Administrators Academy Credit Available
 Event sponsored by ICSPS, Western Area Career System, and West Central Six—
 Registration is available now at: www.icsps.ilstu.edu

March 24, 2009

Time to be announced
 Pre-Conference at Connections
 Resources Supporting STEM
 Crowne Plaza Hotel—Springfield, Illinois

April 30, 2009

New Look Showcase
 Place and time to be announced

If you have events you would like to appear within the “Save the Date” section of the newsletter, please forward all of those requests to Kristy Morelock via e-mail at kristy.morelock@illinois.gov

The next newsletter will be released at the end of January and any events you wish to include in that issue will need to be sent to Kristy prior to its release.

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