



## Illinois Programs of Study Website Release

In response to the need for web based resources related to Illinois' Career Cluster Initiative, the Illinois Community College Board has recently completed work on the Illinois Programs of Study website. It is a website devoted to Programs of Study development and implementation resources as we move forward in the process statewide.

The Programs of Study website can be accessed at <http://ilprogramsofstudy.org> and provides two methods of navigation. The *Illinois Career Clusters* access point provides general information pertaining to Cluster, Pathway, and Programs of Study resources. This access point will also soon house templates and models developed statewide for regions to utilize in the local implementation of Programs of Study. The *Perkins and PCCS Resources* access point provides information pertaining to Perkins and PCCS grant guidelines and funding, a Calendar of Events for meetings/workshops/professional development, and resource links to additional offices and/or agencies that can assist in the overall development and implementation of Programs of Study.

A significant feature of the website is the ICCB Directory of Programs Online Searchable Database that includes information on what degree and certificate programs are offered by the 48 community colleges in Illinois. You may search the database by selecting a *Community College* or a Program. Selecting a College will allow you to see all programs offered at a specific institution. Selecting a Program will allow you to see what institutions offer programs in a broad instructional area, such as Baccalaureate/Transfer Education, Career and Technical Education (CTE), Remedial Education, or Adult Education and English as a Second Language programs.

All CTE programs in the Online Database are organized according to the 16 national Career Clusters. Select "CTE Programs" from the Program menu to view a list of the Career Clusters. Options for searching the database in greater detail, such as by Career Pathway and Program of Study, are also available. For specific information regarding program entry and/or completion requirements, please contact the community college directly.

In addition, a new logo has been developed for use with your local marketing materials, which is located on the bottom of the last page of the newsletter. The phrase "Illinois Programs of Study" can be customized to reflect you district, region or partnership.

For information regarding the Programs of Study website or the new Programs of Study logo, please contact Kristy Morelock at 217-558-4929 or via e-mail at [Kristy.morelock@illinois.gov](mailto:Kristy.morelock@illinois.gov).

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## **State Revises the Implementation Process for Local Programs of Study in the Targeted Clusters**

The ICCB, in cooperation with our ISBE partners met in mid-May to discuss the ongoing rollout of Programs of Study. As a part of that meeting, the State Team determined that the process currently underway with the Pathway Development Teams was effective but would take too long to move into full local implementation of Programs of study. The team decided that in order to accelerate the roll-out of resources used to support local Programs of Study some revisions to the original plan were in order.

After the revised plan is implemented, with the first cluster meeting occurring in mid-July, the ICCB will move to release local POS implementation grants that will support implementation. Postsecondary implementation grants will be aimed specifically at colleges and at Partnerships for College and Career Success. The goal is to move rapidly to local implementation with local activities increasing significantly within the next three months.

The revised process is detailed below. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### **STEP 1: Development of a Cluster/Pathway Committee:**

Cluster Committee is formed, including representatives from each established PDT.

Cluster Committee meets for 1 day-

Reviews and validates Cluster level materials (1/2 day)

Breaks into groups to review Pathway level materials (1/2 day)

### **STEP 2: Review of Knowledge and Skills by each Pathway Development Team:**

Pathway Development Teams reconvenes for one meeting-

PDT reviews recommendations from Cluster Committee

PDT provides additional feedback to the ICCB/ISBE by an established deadline

### **STEP 3: State release of final Cluster and Pathway Level Knowledge and Skills:**

ICCB and ISBE disseminate finalized Cluster and Pathway materials to the field.

### **STEP 4: State supports local Program of Study development and implementation.**

ICCB releases local implementation grants in the state identified critical cluster areas—Health Sciences, Manufacturing, Information Technology and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics.

### **STEP 5: Professional Development:**

PDT members receive first round of FY2010 professional development.

Other state stakeholders receive professional development.

### **STEP 6**

Develop and implement local Programs of Study.

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# Program Update

## **ICCB Directory of Programs**

ICCB staff are pleased to announce the release of several recently revised informational tools for your use. The *Illinois Community College Directory of Programs Brochure* is a marketing tool for use by college advisors, school counselors, parents and students that identifies in general what educational programs are offered at the 48 community colleges in Illinois, and the *ICCB Directory of Programs Online Database Website* which provides the most current information on local Baccalaureate, CTE, Remedial and Adult Ed programs being offered at the colleges.

The brochure is organized according to the 16 nationally recognized Career Clusters, or groups of occupations and industries that have in common a set of foundational knowledge and skills. Each of the 16 tables illustrates Career Pathways within those Clusters for which Illinois community colleges offer a local Program of Study, such as an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and/or a Career Certificate.

Users of the brochure should be directed to the website, the *ICCB Directory of Programs Online Database Website* at <http://iccbdsrv.iccb.org/clusters/home.cfm>, where more detailed information on programs available at all institutions can be found. This website is updated regularly as new programs are added and old programs are inactivated from the system's offerings. Specific information regarding program entry and completion requirements or course sequencing can be found by contacting the local institution directly.

**For questions or comments regarding the content of the brochure or website, please contact Tricia Broughton at [tricia.broughton@illinois.gov](mailto:tricia.broughton@illinois.gov) or 217.785.0082.**

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## Programs of Study 201

The Central Illinois Alliance (CIA) Regional Collaborative sponsored a Programs of Study workshop on April 3rd at Richland Community College in Decatur, IL. Approximately 50 secondary and postsecondary administrators, instructors, and counselors were in attendance. Featured presenters were Gene Benson and Belinda McCharen of Benson Educational Associates. The full-day workshop focused on developing a Program of Study. Hands-on time and assignment sheets were provided for teams to work through the process of developing a Program of Study.

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## ICCCA Career Commission

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## Update on Bridge Instruction

Through support from a grant from the Joyce Foundation's Shifting Gears Initiative, ICCB, DCEO and related partners have developed a formal definition of *Bridge Instruction* and, in conjunction, ICCB Academic Affairs and Workforce Division staff will be releasing information regarding the classification of this new type of instruction available in the career and technical education/remedial education area.

*Bridge instruction* targets academically underprepared students, traditional college-aged students and adults, for contextualized learning experiences that will prepare them for further college-level education and ultimately employment in a high-demand, skilled occupation. *Bridge instruction* in the CTE/Remedial Ed category is the packaging of college-level CTE training with integrated developmental academics, is intended for delivery in a contextualized and/or applied manner and will prepare students for transition into a college-level and/or credit-bearing postsecondary CTE program of study.

ICCB staff are working diligently to put into place the framework by which your institutions will follow for developing Bridges locally, requesting ICCB approval, and supporting your instructional offerings once in place. Our work plan includes creation of statewide Bridge Instruction models aligned with Illinois Career Clusters, developing new Generic Course Codes, revising the Program Approval Manual and related forms as necessary, marketing to encourage your participation in offering Bridges, and providing technical assistance on implementing Bridges locally.

Updates on our progress with these plans will be provided in the coming weeks and throughout next fiscal year. If you have any questions, comments or would like to discuss Bridge Instruction further please feel free to contact Lavon Nelson, Director for Workforce Systems at [lavon.nelson@illinois.gov](mailto:lavon.nelson@illinois.gov) or for questions related specifically to CTE/Remedial Education Bridge instruction, please contact Tricia Broughton, Associate Director for Career & Technical Programs at [tricia.broughton@illinois.gov](mailto:tricia.broughton@illinois.gov).

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## Program Review "It's that time of year again"

Program Review Summary Reports from your institutions are due to ICCB no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Please feel free to contact Tricia Broughton at [tricia.broughton@illinois.gov](mailto:tricia.broughton@illinois.gov) with any related questions.

## Manufacturing PDT Update

The Illinois Manufacturing Pathway Development teams have met for the pre-meeting, kick-off meeting, and the first planning meeting to begin the process of disseminating Illinois Programs of Study in the Manufacturing areas of Maintenance, Installation, and Repair; Logistics and Inventory Control; Health, Safety, and Environmental Assurance. Currently, partners from the teams are building their scope of work by gathering sample articulation agreements, syllabi, course lists and requirements, and industry standards for certifications. In addition a lot of the work has been done on reviewing the knowledge and skill statements and the beginning processes of validating pathway level knowledge and skills.

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### Dual Credit Trainings

Wednesday, September 16—Trutter Center, Springfield, IL from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22—John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday October 27—Elgin Community College from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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### IACTE Conference on June 16-18 in Tinley Park

The Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL) is hosting *Webinar #6: Program Improvement and Accountability*, on Thursday, June 11, 2009. 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. CDT. Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/886805761>

