

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Articulation Agreements

A new articulation agreement gives our Early Childhood Education (ECE) graduates six undergraduate credits upon enrollment in Mercyhurst North East's Early Childhood Associate Degree Program.

Another new agreement will give Culinary Arts graduates up to 4.5 credits at the Culinary Institute of America towards an Associate Degree in Occupational Studies or a Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree. Copies of both agreements are posted under Supplemental Information.

Professional Development

We attended the Integrated Learning Conference sponsored by the PDE Bureau of Career and Technical Education in State College, from November 6th-8th. The workshops were very informative. Topics of interest included career pathways, working with student misbehaviors, training opportunities for paraeducators, student certifications and Tech Prep programs. We were able to bring back information to share with our instructors, instructional aides and with Elaine Shaffer, our Business Partnerships Coordinator.

Special Education

Erie County Senior Transition Staffings- Meetings were held at ECTS during the month of November to discuss our current senior's progress. These meetings provide an opportunity for school district special education case managers and supervisors to discuss post-secondary plans for our senior students with IEPs. Parties involved include sending school representatives, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Base Service Unit. Our goal is to identify those students who may require additional support with continued training or employment after high school graduation.

ECTS Vocational Evaluations of Prospective Students - Each fall, vocational evaluations are administered to ninth grade students with IEPs who are considering ECTS placement. Results of this testing can help students, parents and guidance counselors make appropriate decisions about career and technical programs. This evaluation tests students in aptitude and ability in nine areas such as Reading, Math, Mechanical Reasoning, Form Perception and overall interests. The report lists occupational preferences identified by the student and the evaluator's comments/recommendations.