

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Professional Development

Jan conducted two DACUM workshops at the N.W. Tri-County Intermediate Unit on November 19th-20th and 29th-30th. The purpose was to assist the Tech Prep Consortium with developing a statewide Program of Study (POS) for two programs- Drafting & Design and Administrative Assistant. PDE has set a goal of developing 64 statewide POS over the next year. Panel members for the DACUM workshops included instructors and industry representatives from across Pennsylvania.

Jan attended a collaborative Perkins Participatory Planning meeting held at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on November 27th. Both EUP and Penn State-Behrend receive Perkins funding for assisting CTE graduates as they complete associate degrees. Much of the discussion focused on the universities' responsibility for awarding articulation credits as part of the new Programs of Study.

Jan attended a workshop called Web 2.0 Tools, conducted by Jim Gates, from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. The purpose was to look at many examples of sites that make it possible for educators to conduct their own online training and talk to people from around the world.

Special Education

Second quarter mid-term grades have been sent to special education case managers and guidance counselors from our districts.

On Friday, December 14, Jan and Pat met with the county guidance counselors to discuss our students with special needs. We reviewed how we could improve the transition of our new students who are considering career and technical placement at the Erie County Technical School. We are developing an outline that describes many of the demands of our programs. This should assist students with special needs in making an educated decision on which CTE program is their best choice.