

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Professional Development

Dr. Jackson and Jan Kennerknecht presented a workshop to career and technical education (CTE) instructors and support staff from three Westmoreland County Career Centers at the Westmoreland County Community College on November 9th. The topic of the four hour in-service program was, "It's Not Just a Test Anymore: Using NOCTI Exams to Improve Teaching and Learning". The workshop participants were guided through the process of analyzing their students' scores, aligning their curricula to NOCTI competencies and developing a plan for program improvement.

Jan Kennerknecht and Patrick Holland attended the 2007 Integrated Learning Conference held in State College from November 5th-7th. Conference sessions of interest included those strands focusing on Special Populations and Programs of Study. The keynote speaker was Dr. Daniel Perna, whom we have contracted with to work with our instructors on Procedural Literacy in our CTE programs.

Procedural Literacy

The ECTS Literacy Committee is putting together a survey to determine which literacy strategies are currently being used by our instructors. The results of this survey will be used to help Dr. Perna identify our literacy needs as he plans for our January 18th in-service program.

Special Education

First quarter grades have been sent to special education case managers and guidance counselors from our districts. At the end of the first quarter, 94% of our students with special needs successfully passed their coursework.