

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Curriculum Development

We will hold a half-day DACUM workshop for our Auto Body Repair program on October 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn. The DACUM process for occupational analysis involves local workers recruited directly from business and industry. These workers become the panel of experts who cooperatively describe the occupation with the help of a certified DACUM facilitator. Five local industry workers and three instructors from career and technical education programs in our region will discuss current practices and future trends in the industry and check those against the new Pennsylvania Program of Study (POS) task list. We'll also gather input on worker behaviors, certifications, new tools & equipment being used, etc. Information from this workshop will guide our instructor, Ken Balsiger in keeping his curriculum relevant to industry needs.

Special Education

Jan and Pat have spent two full days in reviewing the student disability profiles with the instructors and instructional aides. These profiles are used to identify each student's specific disability, how it affects their learning and what specially designed instruction is needed for them to learn.

Literacy

Two of our instructors Phylis Theurkauf, Networking, and Mark Cyphert, Metal Fabrication, have both joined our Pennsylvania Literacy Network Training from Penn University along. They are accompanied by Robin Grimes and Tammy Bright, our Literacy and Numeracy coaches. Both Phylis and Mark have already applied some really creative lessons to get their students to identify the main idea of what they are reading and how to read that material for meaning.