

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Curriculum

Accreditation: On March 31st, our Automotive Technology lab was inspected by a NATEF evaluator. Two local industry representatives assisted the evaluator in the inspection of the lab and the NATEF standards evidence. In a debriefing session at the end of the day, the following program strengths were identified:

- ECTS has an excellent work-based apprenticeship training program
- They have an appropriate amount of updated equipment
- Curriculum is up-to-date with current industry standards
- Shop was clean and organized

Several suggestions were made to improve the program and lab (identification of traffic lanes, addressing a tripping hazard, equipment maintenance schedule); we will follow-up on those. We are awaiting final approval of our program re-accreditation from NATEF in a few weeks.

Curriculum Analysis: The Health Assistant program's DACUM workshop was held on April 17th at the Holiday Inn Express. Twelve employees from local industry reviewed our curriculum and made recommendations. Organizations represented were:

- Bayada Home Health Care
- Comfort Care & Resources, Inc.
- Erie Homes for Children and Adults
- Gannon University
- Mercyhurst University
- St. Vincent Hospital
- Wesbury United Methodist Community

Special Education

NOCTI:

Online NOCTI testing is now being completed and special thanks to the assistance our Instructional Aides who are working with students in separate testing areas and are making sure that our students with specific needs are receiving the accommodations they need for this testing. We will soon be in the process of conducting performance testing in each program. The instructional aides will again assist in making sure all students needing accommodations will receive support in reading and clarifying directions for the performance testing. Students who meet a benchmark score on their NOCTI online test are eligible for free college credits at over 1500 post-secondary schools across the nation.

