

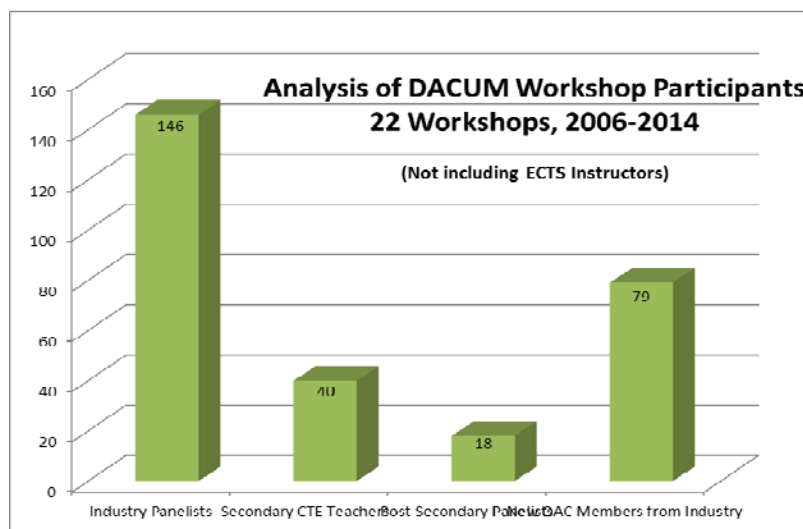
Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Curriculum

On December 5, 2014, a DACUM workshop was held for the Computer Networking program at the Hilton Garden Inn. A group of 11 professionals from Erie County came together to review and rate the tasks on the Pennsylvania Program of Study (POS) for the program. A research chart will be shared with the Computer Networking Occupational Advisory Committee in the spring. A historical overview of ECTS DACUM workshops follows:



Visitors/Tours

On December 4, 2014, four staff members from Seneca Highlands CTC (Cameron, Elk, McKean and Potter counties) toured ECTS with a focus on Literacy, Math and Special Education supports. We provided a tour, an observation of Rob Eggleston's math lesson in Culinary Arts and discussion time with our Reading Coach, Robin Grimes. The Director of Seneca Highlands arranged for this visit- he believes that ECTS has some of the best literacy and support strategies in the state.

Special Education

Mid-term grade reports of students with disabilities have been sent out to the special education teachers, case managers and guidance counselors. Our instructional aides have played a big part in helping our students be successful in our environment.

Erie County Senior Transition Staffings Meetings were held at ECTS in December and January to discuss future plans for our current seniors. These meetings provide an opportunity for school

district special education case managers and supervisors to discuss individual student progress and overall needs for our senior students with IEPs. This was a follow up meeting with the governmental agencies such as the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Case Management Services. Our goal was to identify those students who may require additional support with continued training or employment after high school graduation through these agencies.

Food Safety Manager Testing will take place Wednesday, December 19th. Students who obtain a passing grade and obtain the Food Safety Manager Certification will become part of a national registry which qualifies them for upper level positions in the Food, Hospitality and Tourism industries. We would like to thank all of the instructors and instructional aides for all of their hard work behind the scenes and their support in getting all of our students successfully through this curriculum.

Literacy

Our math and literacy coaches are participating in a statewide PLC this year at State College to share experiences and ideas on instructional coaching with other coaches and teachers throughout Pennsylvania. A number of participating coaches have inquired about our efforts to bring more writing into the CTE classroom through the use of journals. Robin Grimes, our literacy coach, will be presenting our practices in a webinar in January. Also, she and Rob Eggleston, our math coach, will be working with our culinary instructor, Kelly Sanders, to develop and share a lesson on cost control in the food industry. All three will present this lesson in May in State College.