

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Curriculum

Accreditation: We've received notice from the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF) that our Graphic Communications program passed an onsite facility inspection on February 25th. Because the lab met PrintED standards, we have been approved to pursue re-accreditation. Our instructor, Joe Salorino, will work with Evaluation Team Leader, Michael Stinnett throughout the process. We currently have 8 programs with national accreditation.

Articulation Agreements: We recently signed a new articulation agreement with the Precision Machining Institute (PMI). Graduates from our Precision Machining, Electrical Engineering, Facility Maintenance and Metal Fabrication programs may qualify to test-out for up to \$6,000.00 of coursework leading to a post-secondary certificate from PMI. These certificates can then be rolled into an Associates of Applied Science degree at Edinboro University or Clarion University. A copy of the agreement is posted at the Supplemental Information link.

Curriculum Analysis: Two occupational analysis workshops are scheduled for this spring. The Health Assistant program's DACUM workshop will be held on April 17th at the Holiday Inn Express; the Metal Fabrication DACUM workshop will occur on May 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn. The DACUM Research Chart for the Computer Networking program, held on December 5th, is provided tonight for board member review.

Special Education

Jan and Pat are continuing to follow up with the students with disabilities who have enrolled into our Career and Technical programs for the 2015-2016 school year. Both Jan and Pat have met with students back at their home schools and in many cases at ECTS. A variety of meetings with parents are being held to answer questions about what these students will face when they start in their chosen program. The informational packet "Programs at a Glance" is being used to help both parents, home schools, and students identify the academic demands of all programs at ECTS.

Literacy

As I shared with you last month, our Automotive Technology instructors, Dave Michalak and Sam Steever are working with our part-time reading coach, Robin Grimes, to tackle longer essays using the "Process Approach to Writing." The goal here is for our students to learn a specific process to put a variety of ideas and thoughts together in a logical order. (Please see the Supplemental Information section for a rough draft example.)