

# 2012-2013 Program of Work

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**Purpose:** The **Partnerships for Innovation (PFI)** is a collaboration of Nebraska secondary and postsecondary partners focused on building a better statewide system of Career and Technical Education (CTE) to improve student learning and better meet economic development priorities. PFI will do this by introducing innovation in delivery systems in CTE to include Career Academies, professional development and programs of study with coordinated curriculum between secondary and postsecondary education providers.

## **Programs of Study and Coordinated Curriculum**

1. Facilitate the Standards Writing for Human Services, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology, STEM: Engineering, and Arts, AV & Communications. All courses are available on the [PFI website](#) and by October 15, 2012 will be aligned with Nebraska Academic Standards and National Common Core Standards.
2. Assist with the development and facilitation of **reVISION**: a Program of Study development process in partnership with Educational Service Units and schools which integrate Labor Market Information and Nebraska's Economic Industry Clusters.
3. Create educational videos made available on the PFI website and shown at NCE Fall Workshops which communicate:
  - a. How to use Labor Market Information found on [H3.ne.gov](http://H3.ne.gov) to develop local programs of study tied to regional workforce and economic development needs
  - b. The research behind dual credit, how to integrate more dual credit in local CTE programs of study, and making connections with local community colleges.
4. Partner with NDE to evaluate the Program of Study process impact in secondary and postsecondary schools.
5. Work with the Nebraska community colleges to create an online course credit warehouse of available CTE articulated within state model Programs of Study.

## **Supported Professional Development**

### Starting Summer 2012

Personal Finance Institute  
CASE Agriculture Education Training  
Career Education Leadership Academy  
Community College Leadership Workshop  
STEM Project Lead the Way Support  
NCE Fall Workshops at Community Colleges  
Innovative Educators Webinar Trainings

### Provided Summer 2013

MCIT Working Connections Scholarships for high school IT teachers

## **Related to Professional Development Activities:**

1. Revise the Professional Development Funding application with the PFI LC PD Committee
2. Provide training across the state related to H3 website, as requested
3. Develop the PFI Leadership Council members in operations, innovations and creativity

## **CTE Delivery Systems**

1. Host the statewide Nebraska Career Academy Forum (date to be determined)
2. Assist the Nebraska Dept. of Education with the LB 870 Career Academy Rule development
3. Manage and fund the Economic Modeling Specialist, Inc. (EMSI) statewide contract
4. Collaborate with NDE and DOL on the establishment of Business Industry Councils to support the Economic Industry Cluster talent pipelines

## **Statewide Online Career Planning Tool**      [Nebraska Career Connections](#)

Contract management and coordination of:

- Statewide Training & Webinars
- Recorded Training Sessions
- [Connect2Business](#)
- [Linked2College](#)