

2013-2014 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 Family & Consumer Sciences, Skilled & Technical Sciences and Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. All courses are available on the [NDE Program of Study](#) website and will be aligned with Nebraska Academic Standards and Common Core Standards.
2. Assist with the development and facilitation of **reVISION**; a Program of Study development process in partnership with Nebraska community colleges and schools which integrate Labor Market Information and Nebraska's Economic Industry Clusters.
3. Partner with NDE to evaluate the Program of Study process impact in secondary and postsecondary schools.
4. Work with the Nebraska community colleges to create an online course credit warehouse of available CTE articulated within state model Programs of Study.
5. Assist schools with community engagement and how to support business/industry partnerships with schools
6. Research dual credit from other states
7. Work with Nebraska community colleges to align program of study courses and academy courses throughout the state

Supported Professional Development

Summer 2013

CASE Agriculture Education Training (Plant Science)
Capital Career Center Development
Community College Leadership NOW!
STEM Project Lead the Way
NCE Fall Workshops
NACEP and NCAC Conference Scholarships
Developmental Education Articulation and Completion

Summer 2014

AIM Faculty Institute Scholarships for high school IT teachers
STEM Project Lead the Way
Entrepreneurship Infusion in the Classroom

Related to Professional Development Activities:

1. Provide training across the state related to H3 website, as requested
2. Develop the PFI Leadership Council members in operations, innovations and creativity

CTE Delivery Systems

1. Host regional Career Academy informational Forums in February 2014, based on the tenants in Rule 47
2. Assist the Nebraska Dept. of Education with the
 - a. Career Education Impact Study (LB 481, Lathrop)
 - b. Career Academy Study (Legislative Resolution 296, McGill)
3. Manage and fund the Economic Modeling Specialist, Inc. (EMSI) statewide contract for the Socioeconomic Impact Study and the Analyst feature