



Partnerships for Innovation is a collaboration of secondary and postsecondary partners focused on building a better statewide system of Career and Technical Education in Nebraska 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.

Programs of Study Development: PFI facilitated the Standards Writing for Human Services, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology, STEM: Engineering, and Arts, AV & Communications courses. All courses have been aligned to Nebraska Academic Standards, the National Common Core Standards and are posted on the website: <http://cestandards.education.ne.gov/>. PFI assisted 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.

Career Academy Leadership: PFI assisted the Nebraska Department of Education with the Career Academy Rule development based on national research and best practice. PFI hosted a statewide Career Academy meeting in the fall for regional Career Academy Coordinators.

Professional Development: PFI provided support for the *Fall Workshops*, held at Nebraska community colleges across the state. More than 639 secondary and postsecondary faculty attended updates on state model programs of study and curriculum enhancements while provided the opportunity to network. NDE staff reported a strengthened relationship between secondary and postsecondary faculty as a result. The chart is a breakdown of the educators served by the professional development funds provided by the Partnerships for Innovation.

Professional Development Activity	Directly Served
Personal Finance Institute	32
CASE Agriculture Education Training	13
Career Education Leadership Academy	30
Community College Leadership Workshop	24
STEM Project Lead the Way Support	5
NCE Fall Workshops at Community Colleges	639
Innovative Educators Webinar Trainings	Web based, unknown
MCIT Faculty Academy Scholarships for HS IT teachers	18

DOL NELEARNS workshops: Two hundred sixty nine individuals registered for the NE Learn Training at one of the six locations across the state. Of those who registered, 221 attended a workshop. Of the workshop participants 95 individuals responded to the follow-up evaluation. Of those 60% indicated they were highly likely to access the H3 website and 53% were highly likely to access the Career Readiness Modules. Of the participants, 60% felt they gained an excellent understanding of Nebraska's Career Clusters and 55% felt they had a good understanding of Nebraska's Economic Industry Clusters.

Licenses: In September PFI contracted with Innovative Educators to provide up to 12 webinars to each of the Nebraska community colleges. On May 24, PFI recorded the activity of use, below.

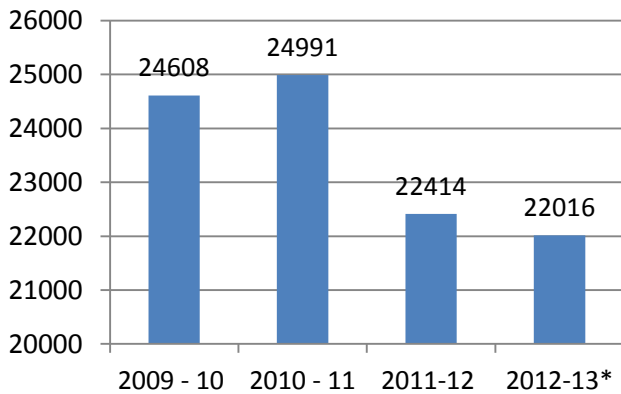
Innovative Educators Webinar Use Per College	CCC	MCC	MPCC	NCC	SCC	WNCC
2012 Number of Webinars Used with Coupon	5	0	2	0	3	0
2013 Number of Webinars Used with Partnerships Coupon	0	3	0	3	2	0

PFI has provided the statewide membership to **Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI)** since 2007. This membership provides community colleges the opportunity to quickly identify labor and education projections in their communities and throughout the state. As of May 21, the chart below documents the 365 day activity of the six Nebraska community colleges:

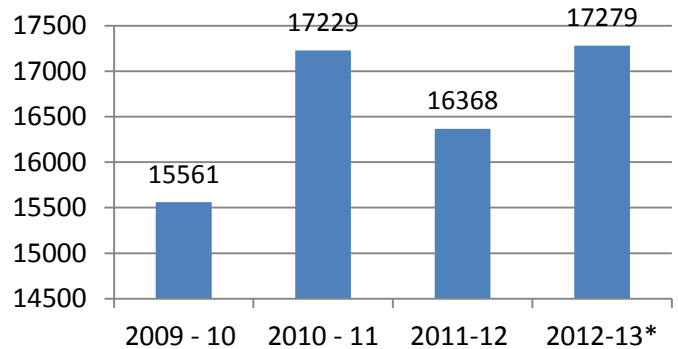
EMSI Report	CCC	MCC	MPCC	NCC	SCC	WNCC
Number of Log-ins	40	36	10	0	8	14
Economic Forecaster Reports	69	47	34	0	32	45
Educational Analysis Reports	0	12	5	0	10	0
Economic Impact Reports	7	2	2	0	0	0
EMSI GIS	14	17	3	0	0	0
Career Pathways	0	6	0	0	0	1

Nebraska Career Connections: PFI managed the Kuder, Inc. contract to provide Nebraska Career Connections to youth and adult job seekers on quality career exploration, planning and preparation. Various sponsors provided additional assistance to make the product free of charge for all Nebraskans. Below are the Navigator (grades 7 – 14) use reports since the duration of the PFI contract.

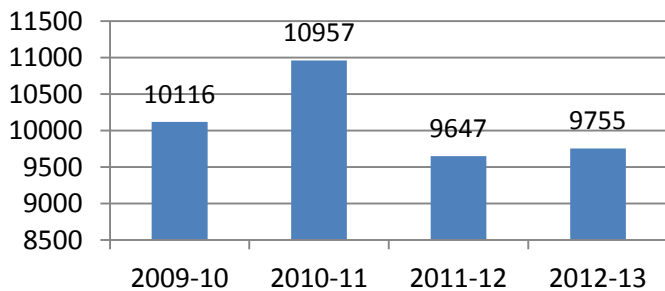
Navigator: Interest



Navigator: Skills



Navigator: Work Values



Total registered users to date: 220,360

New Users: 12,143
 Returning Users: 20,539
 Total Log-ins: 90,970

Total # of assessments to date 350,801

Interest Assessment: 171,034
 Skills Assessment: 102,746
 Work Values Assessment: 67,727