

Family & Consumer Sciences  
Mid-Year Report  
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**Culinary Meeting: October 18, 2012**

- a. The meeting was held at Triton College – HIA dining room. Attendees had lunch in the Triton dining room and were able to observe HIA students in class. Our thanks to Chef Denise and her students for an excellent lunch.
- b. The group discussed the Culinary Program's of Study. The team felt these were accurate, and districts should insert their corresponding culinary courses to the grids.
- c. The team discussed various certificate programs. Chef Denise discussed the Cake Decorating certificate offered at Triton, which is 3 classes. Triton also offers a certificate in Cooking with Herbs that deals with sustainability. Chef Denise urged everyone to consider these courses which are convenient, affordable, and available for CPDU's.
- d. Triton discussed their pathway with Robert Morris College, which will provide culinary students a smooth transition into a bachelor's program. The pathway is attached.
- e. Attendees shared various projects at their respective schools.
  - i. Patti Farlee shared their project with the tv production classes, "Cook This". The tv production classes tape students doing a culinary clip. This has been a positive experience for everyone and very well received by the student body.
  - ii. Val Berger shared their youtube video site for their lab demonstrations. The videos may be found at [www.youtube.com/leydenculinary](http://www.youtube.com/leydenculinary). These video demonstrations are available to all students, and work very well for students have missed class. They maximize class instruction time, by eliminating set up and break down of demonstrations. They are also economical, eliminating the need to repeatedly by the same ingredients for repeated demonstrations.
- f. Also proposed was the possibility of adding the "Food Safety and Sanitation" course to the dual credit list. Val Berger and Chef Denise will work on the logistics and feasibility of this course.

**Child Care Meeting: November 8, 2012**

**1. Pathways Update**

- a. Mary Rinchiuso attended a Pathways to Results conference which focused on setting up pathways from the high school to the community college to the 4 year college.
- b. Mary found the conference to be very informative.

**2. Program of Study**

- a. Although high school students could earn certificates while in high school, the high school teachers do not meet the requirements to teach the dual credit courses. All dual credit courses would need to be taken at Triton College.
- b. An idea was presented to co-teach the summer camp. It could be up to 2 weeks and meeting Monday-Thursday. The camp will involve tours, discussion, hands-on activities, and working with young children.

### **3. Gateways to Opportunity**

- a. Gateways to Opportunity offers credentials in the following areas:
  - i. Illinois Director
  - ii. Level 1 ECE Credential
  - iii. ECE Credential
  - iv. Infant Toddler Credential
- b. The Level 1 ECE Credential is for those considering a career working with children or who new to the early care and education field.
- c. High schools need to contact Libby Mitchell at [Lmitchell@inccrra.org](mailto:Lmitchell@inccrra.org) regarding becoming a Level I provider for their students.

### **4. Programs of Study**

- a. Time was spent reviewing the Programs of Study that are in place for the Early Childhood and Education programs.
- b. The following changes need to be made:
  - i. Education/Secondary AA Degree
    - 1. Change the secondary courses for grades 9-12 to match Paraprofessional Educator AAS Degree.
    - 2. The courses listed are the business classes and not the child care sequence.
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### **5. Degrees/Certificate Programs**

- a. Mary shared that the Early Childhood Education Certificate is very popular. There are no general education requirements, and it only requires 31 hours in Early Childhood Education.
- b. Mary also shared that National Lewis will accept the AAS from Triton. Triton has an articulated agreement with National Lewis for degree completion.

## **Health Careers Meeting: November 15, 2012**

### **1. Dual Credit Students**

- a. Susan Collins discussed the challenges that face the dual credit students in the collegiate environment. Students often struggle with the independent demands of a college environment such as studying for a test rather than reviewing for the test in class. Students often fail to complete reading material, which is test material.
- b. Dual credit students are often unprepared for the rigor of a degree program. Parents will call the instructor, expecting the same accommodations and assistance as provided at the high school level.
- c. In the medical field, students must be able to handle the demands and rigor of the program in order to continue in that field of study. The consequences are too great to let students continue in the program.

### **2. Summer Camps**

- a. There have been questions as to whether the summer camps are running this summer. Some teachers have been told that they are being discontinued.
- b. Valarie Berger followed up with the DVR office, and the summer camps have NOT been cancelled.

### **3. Renovation Plans**

- a. Susan shared the renovation plans for Building H, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2014.
- b. The new Health Sciences Center will be designed like traditional medical buildings with state of the art learning centers and observation areas.

### **4. Programs of Study**

- a. A great deal of time was spent going through the Programs of Study for the Allied Health spreadsheets.
- b. Diagnostic Medical Sonography is not for high school students and should be removed from the programs of study. It requires a 2 year degree before starting the program.
- c. The Eye Care Assistant Program is not currently being offered, although it is still in the catalog.
- d. The following changes should be made to the other spreadsheets:
  - i. Nuclear Medicine Technology for AAS Degree
    1. Add RHT 101 Freshmen Rhetoric and Composition I
  - ii. Nursing AAS Degree
    1. Add 155 – Nursing Care of Individuals with Commonly Recurring Adaptation Problems II
  - iii. Nursing LPN Certificate
    1. This should be called “Nursing LPN Certificate – Exit Option”
      - a. Add Promoting Adaptation in the Physiologic and Psychosocial Modes I and II
    2. Add 155 – Nursing Care of Individuals with Commonly Recurring Adaptation Problems II
    3. Add 156 – Pharmacology in Nursing II

### **Future FCS Meetings**

Child Care – March 7, 2013

Health Careers – March 19, 2013

Culinary – April 18, 2013