

We hope that the holiday season finds you and yours well!

In this, our second issue of “Notes to the Field,” the Bureau of Career Development’s quarterly newsletter, we are sharing:

Updates: Monitoring and Perkins V

CCSNH: Getting a Head Start on Earning College Credits

Getting to Know Your New Leaders in NH-CTE: Mike, Mike, Mike!

Thank You Notes, Kudos!, and Upcoming Events



Perkins V Update

Brustein and Manasevit, the preeminent law firm for federal regulation and grant program legislation, offered training on the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) on October 30. Several CTE directors from New Hampshire attended, as did Bureau of Career Development staff. During this training, Michael Brustein covered ways in which the new legislation differs from the current iteration of the law (Perkins IV). He placed particular emphasis on the central importance of a new requirement, the use of a **comprehensive needs assessment**. This comprehensive needs assessment identifies gaps in learner and program performance. Centers will need to address these gaps through activities and spending for CTE outlined in local plans.

Monitoring Update

A team visited the Cheshire Career Center to monitor Perkins-funded CTE programs on November 8-9. This team included the state director for CTE, staff from the Bureau of Career Development of the New Hampshire Department of Education, a CTE director, and a number of CTE teachers from CTE centers from around the state. Over the two days, teachers from the programs in Keene met with teachers from same program areas. They talked about areas where the Cheshire Career Center’s programs were providing high quality CTE for learners. The visiting CTE teachers also offered suggestions to improve areas in the programs. The visiting CTE teachers all enjoyed the experience. Several mentioned how valuable the visit was for their professional development as CTE program teachers. The Bureau of Career Development is running two more program monitoring visits in April. Nashua is taking place over three days: April 2, 3, and 4. Salem is going to occur on April 17 and 18. There is a link to sign up to join the team for one of those days here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKv511hvu7--QdZi0opt6xo31JedL7J22JYuLbzqEcgENXSQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please consider joining a team! We still need teacher leaders and volunteers from all CTE programs for each of these monitoring visits.

Do you have news that the NH-CTE community should know? Send your partnership progress, kudos, upcoming events to Courtney Ritchings at Courtney.Ritchings@doe.nh.gov with “Notes to the Field” in the subject line.

Quarterly submission deadlines:*

Issue I- Aug. 1

Issue II- Nov. 1

Issue III- Feb. 1

Issue IV- May 1

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Getting a Head Start on Earning College Credits!

Good things are happening with NH's high school students and the Community College System of New Hampshire! CCSNH's Running Start concurrent enrollment program increased 25 percent in fall 2018. Much of the 25 percent increase in students taking concurrent enrollment courses through the Running Start program was due in part to the Governor's STEM Scholarship program. Students in more than 75 NH high schools are able to take up to two STEM or STEM-related courses free of charge through this program. ***A majority of these increased enrollments took place in NH's urban high schools, giving many NH low-income students a chance to get a head start on their college career at no cost.***

To assist students with how to best utilize these college credits towards a degree, local community colleges will be hosting "Advising Discovery Days" that will give students an opportunity to tour NH's community colleges and determine how best to apply their concurrent enrollment credits to a CCSNH certificate or degree. With the help of Career Coach, accessible for free through any community college website, all NH students can access career information related to any CCSNH program and determine labor market information including projected job outlook and wage information.

Increased programming to assist students with utilizing concurrent and dual enrollment as a means to reduce the cost of earning college credits will continue through the strong partnership between NH's community colleges, high schools and career and technical education centers.

Upcoming Events & Important Deadlines:

Nov. 29 IT Sector meeting for input on Computer Science competencies. To be held at UNH Manchester. Contact Jeff Beard for more information.

Nov. 30 Last date to grant full approval of SY 2018-19 Perkins Program Improvement applications

Dec. 1 Payment date for SY 2017-18 Tuition and Transportation

Jan. 30 Last day to submit applications for NEW SY 2019-20 CTE programs and guarantee their review by the June 30, 2019 new program approval deadline.

Feb. 7 Final date to purchase equipment for the SY2018-19 Perkins Program Improvement projects

NH Girls Technology Day events start on March 12 and run through April 10. Sign up today at:

[NH-GTD 2019 Registration](#)

Save the Dates!

2019 NH-CTE Summer Conference: Aug. 7 & 8



Thank You and Kudos!

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of SY19 is over! Holidays are right around the corner and CTE is busy throughout the state.

We want to thank the Cheshire Career Center team for welcoming us for fall monitoring. And all of the CTE instructors and administrators that participated on the visiting team during monitoring...thank you for your time and expertise!

The NH Sector Partnerships Initiative launched the construction sector this fall. See what they are doing at:

www.IBuildNH.org.

Kudos to all of the nominees being recognized through the NH-CTE Awards for leadership and advocacy in career and technical education!

Getting to Know Our New Leaders in NH-CTE

This month's profiles include Mike, Mike, & Mike!

[Mike Burnett](#) crossed the river to join NH's CTE team at the [Cheshire Career Center](#) in Keene. A former Vermont director, Mike has 26 years of industry experience including construction, woodworking and management. With 18 years in education, Mike has held several roles including: SkillsUSA advisor, technology department chair, technology education instructor, assistant CTE director, and CTE director.

Mike and his wife have three boys, including a set of twins. If that doesn't keep him busy enough, he is also found completing home improvement and woodworking projects.

As a new member of the NH-CTE team, Mike would like to use his past experience in CTE to help support the NH-CTE community as it moves forward. Welcome to NH Mike!

[Mike McQuilkin](#) is the new director at [Nashua Technology Center](#) (South). He has 25 years of experience in education and this is his first year as a director.

Mike is a former high school basketball coach and avid football fan.

His professional goals include expanding vertical initiatives in order to increase exposure to Nahua's CTE programs. Looking forward to working with you Mike!

[Mike Petrun](#) has assumed leadership at the [Winnisquam Agriculture Center](#) where he has been teaching Natural Resources for the last four years. As you might expect, when one is a natural resources instructor, Mike enjoys being outdoors. He plays golf, hikes, fishes, and cross country skis. When indoors, Mike loves watching "the office" and enjoys listening occasionally to jazz music.

One of Mike's professional goals is to become a part of the CTE director's community through attending all the meetings.