



MEMORANDUM

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TO: **College Tech Prep Contacts**

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SUBJECT: **February-College Tech Prep Monthly Information**

In an effort to inform as many people as possible on the latest events related to College Tech Prep, this office will mail a monthly information packet to Tech Prep contacts throughout the community college system. Hopefully, this mailing will include timely information, copies of Tech Prep-related articles, a calendar of events and other information deemed useful. If any of you have suggestions, articles, or information which you feel should be distributed, please contact me at the street address, E-mail address, or phone number provided above.

Grant Recipients:

- ◆ We appreciate the response we have received from the grant recipients concerning the initial budgets. A College Tech Prep Request for Budget Revision form is enclosed for your use. This form should be used for any budget changes. The totals of the first column (Current Budget) and the third column (Revised Budget) should match. The total of the second column (Change +or-) should be zero (0). The reverse of the form should be used to provide justification for the budget revision and the directions provided should be self-explanatory. We appreciate your use of these forms. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Alice Holt, the Tech Prep Office Assistant, at extension 459.

- ◆ Interim reports for 1998-1999 grants have tentatively been scheduled for August. Please find enclosed a **TENTATIVE** schedule. Locations have **not** been confirmed. I am providing this to assist your advance planning. As soon as the schedule is set, we will notify all involved and will also let you know the information we would like you to present.

Status of Statewide Articulation:

- ◆ We are currently in an information gathering mode. We have been soliciting feedback from as many stakeholders as possible prior to redrafting the statewide articulation document. On December 16 we received feedback from high school superintendents, principals, college presidents, chief academic officers and members of the boards of education and trustees. These leaders provided 16 pages of feedback and suggestions regarding the articulation document. We have requested feedback from all of the colleges throughout the system. We have met with Dr. Wilson (President of the NC Community College Presidents' Assn.) to get his feedback. Colleges and individuals have been forthcoming and candid with their feedback. Overall, the response to the concept and idea of statewide articulation has been positive and supportive, but there has been some concern with the specifics of this first draft of the articulation document. The concern seems to center around five areas: (1) assessment [Placement Test & VOCATS], (2) SACS, (3) FTE, (4) courses, and (5) whether or not this agreement is mandated. These areas will be addressed prior to redrafting

the document. The public schools have scheduled five public hearings (see enclosed schedule) to be held during the month of March. We encourage you to attend one of these public hearings and share your suggestions. The more constructive feedback we receive, the better we will be able to shape the final document. The steering committee is scheduled to meet on April 12 and will be tasked to evaluate all of the aggregated feedback and redraft the articulation document accordingly. Also enclosed for your information is a short PowerPoint presentation which provides some background on the process used to shape the articulation document.

RJR College Tech Prep Awards:

- ◆ We received a good response to the RJR College Tech Prep Awards. A committee of 25 high school and college personnel met at RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company headquarters in Winston-Salem on February 9 to evaluate the submissions. They have made recommendations and winners will be announced at the RJR Awards Breakfast on April 1 at the JobReady/Tech Prep Conference in Asheville, NC. Thanks again to RJR and the committee members who volunteered their time.

College Tech Prep Models:

- ◆ Last month I provided copies of two College Tech Prep Models. This month I have provided a copy of a third model entitled *North Carolina Course-of-Study Pathways*. This model shows each of the four high school course-of-study pathways available to North Carolina students. It also shows the postsecondary educational opportunities resulting from each of these pathways. This model emphasizes multiple options for students who take the more rigorous College Prep or College Tech Prep courses of study. It was created using PowerPoint and I would be glad to mail or E-mail a copy to anyone at their request. The electronic file is in color and is much more attractive. Please feel free to copy and use it in any publications or presentations.

1999 NTPN Exemplary Worksite Learning Award:

- ◆ Please find enclosed a copy of the application for the *1999 NTPN Exemplary Worksite Learning Award*. This award is sponsored by Caterpillar Inc. We encourage you to apply. It is an excellent opportunity to recognize the contribution your business and industry partners make to your consortium. **Application deadline is April 16, 1999.**

Calendar:

- ◆ **March 2, 1999** Tech Prep Site Visit (Sandhills CC)
- ◆ **March 15, 1999** Tech Prep Advisory Committee Meeting (Raleigh)
- ◆ **March 18, 1999** Tech Prep Presentation (Kings Mountain Rotary)
- ◆ **March 19, 1999** Tech Prep Presentation (Shelby City Rotary)
- ◆ **March 29, 1999** NC Career Majors Team Meeting (Asheville)
- ◆ **March 30, 31, April 1** JobReady/Tech Prep Conference, (Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC)
- ◆ **April 12, 1999** Statewide Articulation Steering Committee Meeting (Raleigh)
- ◆ **July 7-9, 1999** High Schools That Work Conference (Atlanta)
- ◆ **July 26-30, 1999** NC Workforce Development Conference (Greensboro)
- ◆ **August 1999** Tech Prep Interim Project Reviews (for grant recipients)
- ◆ **October 7-9, 1999** 1999 NTPN Annual Conference (Pittsburgh)

Enclosures:

- ◆ College Tech Prep Request for Budget Revision Form (for grant recipients)
- ◆ Tentative Schedule for Tech Prep Interim Project Reviews 1998-99
- ◆ Schedule of public hearings on Statewide Articulation
- ◆ PowerPoint presentation on Statewide Articulation
- ◆ Model: *North Carolina High School Course-of-Study Pathways*
- ◆ *1999 NTPN Exemplary Worksite Learning Award Application*