



STATEWIDE CAREER PATHWAYS: Creating School to College Articulation

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Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation,

in existence since July 2006, provides an opportunity for high school, ROCP and college faculty to meet, collaborate and develop articulation agreements. To date, 28 Discipline Work Groups (DWGs) consisting of high school, ROCP and community college faculty, have met and drafted templates in each of the 15 career pathways totaling over 50 articulation templates. The purpose of the templates is to provide a blueprint for the most popular Career Technical Education (CTE) courses offered both at the secondary and college level. These templates also include recommendations for local articulation agreements and suggestions to facilitate the development of local agreements. Finalized templates are available for use now and can be viewed on the project website at www.statewidepathways.org. Two additional meetings will be held during the 2007-08 academic year to launch new DWGs, potentially addressing up to an additional 20 disciplines.*



ARTICULATION DAY EVENTS

This project is encouraging Articulation Day Events co-hosted by community colleges and the *Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation* project. The purpose of these events is to bring secondary level teachers together with local community college faculty from related disciplines to write articulation agreements based on project templates. Although the number of draft articulation agreements immediately resulting from these events has varied, the events have demonstrated that the key to successful articulation is the active participation of Tech Prep Coordinators to advertise the events to the appropriate educators and ensure that the appropriate faculty members are present and prepared to write agreements. For example, Kris Costa, Tech Prep Coordinator at the College of the Sequoias, did an excellent job of hosting a model articulation event that resulted in 119 articulation agreement drafts being written! Many of the processes Kris put in place will be shared with future event coordinators, and have been incorporated into a handbook created for articulating with high schools (described below), which will be provided free of charge to colleges. Contact the project staff for information about how the project could co-host an event with your school or college. We can even assist with some funding of your event. Ask us how!

HANDBOOK FOR ARTICULATING WITH HIGH SCHOOLS/ROCPs

In order to help facilitate articulation between high schools/ROCPs and colleges, a handbook has been developed to explain the practices and procedures for articulation with secondary schools using the *Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation* model. The handbook provides a convenient and centralized place where high school/ROCP and community college faculty, counselors, and administrators are able to find information related to high school articulation and college credit. The handbook also contains step-by-step instructions for the successful coordination of an articulation day event including an organizing process for a smoother and easier operation. There is also an accompanying Resource Guide that contains sample documents such as an invitation, confirmation letter, registration form, event agenda, and generic articulation forms. An Articulation Day presentation DVD explaining the project and outlining the purpose and process of drafting articulation agreements based on *Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation* templates is also available for use during the Articulation Day event. It provides the attendees background about the project and explains what their role is in creating articulation agreements.

MARKETING

The project is working with a professional marketing firm to develop a statewide CTE marketing campaign. The campaign will encourage secondary students to take advantage of the many CTE opportunities in our schools and colleges as well as market the *Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation Project*. The firm will convene focus groups early in 2008 and the campaign will explode into a variety of media venues, including the launch of an interactive website in February to coincide with "Career Technical Education Month," and outreach to target audiences which include parents and students.

In addition, project committee members have made a substantial number of presentations about the project across the state. In 2007-08, Steering Committee members gave over 20 presentations to Regional Consortia, Articulation Officer and Tech Prep Coordinator groups, Articulation Day events, and at related organizations' conferences, such as CCCAOE, VITEA, and CAROCP. Several additional presentations are scheduled for 2008. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your group, please contact the project staff.

WORKING WITH SB 70 PARTNER PROJECTS

Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation hosted an SB 70 Partners Meeting in June, inviting over 35 of the SB 70 Quick Start Grant projects. Those projects which include curriculum development and articulation components, and thus appear to overlap with *Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation* in their goals, were targeted for this meeting. Attendees described and discussed their projects, as well as brainstormed ways to complement one another, work together and avoid duplication of efforts. Plans are in progress for holding other coordination meetings, and some faculty representatives from these other projects have already served as the core of Fall 2007 the Discipline Work Groups for the *Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation*.



DISCIPLINE WORK GROUP (DWG) NOMINATIONS*

Names of nominees are still being collected for upcoming DWGs. If you would like to volunteer or nominate a faculty member from a community college, high school or ROCP, or a Tech Prep Coordinator or Articulation Officer, to serve on one of these groups, please email info@statewidepathways.org with name and contact information for the nominee. The Project staff will follow up with all nominees. We are currently calling for candidates to serve on May 2008 DWGs in the following disciplines:

- Animation
- Banking/Financial Services
- Digital Home Integration
- Goods Movement/Logistics
- Hotel Lodging/Travel/Tourism
- Journalism
- Printing
- Real Estate
- Stagecraft Technology
- Surveying

For a complete listing of DWGs that have been formed since the project's inception, please visit our website at www.statewidepathways.org/dwg2.html.

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