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Work-Based Learning Updates

With progress, comes change!

2015-16 SC Work-Based Learning has undergone a complete overhaul, including multiple revisions to the Work-Based Learning page in PowerSchool. After evaluating suggestions and feedback from the field, revisions have implemented with additional changes to “ease” the workload in entering data on the Work-Based Learning page in PowerSchool. Effective December 11, 2015, the following fields are the only state required fill-ins for entering WBL experience for a student.

*WBL Experience

*WBL Start Date

*WBL End Date

*WBL Worksite Name

*WBL Paid

*WBL Course Credit

These fields are required by the state! However, please take caution and take in consideration of district-level decision to populate or not populate some of the non-required fields. For example, your legal team may request entry of the worksite address, city, and zip as well as the worksite supervisor for insurance liability umbrella information. *It is a district specific decision.* It is my recommendation for each WBL Coordinator to make each applicable administrator aware of the changes and to uniformly make a sound decision that best serves the needs at the school and/or district level.

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.....preparing our students of today for tomor-

And That's a Wrap.....

The SC Department of Education would like to thank each that attended our 2015 Fall Regional Guidance Personnel Workshops. Each workshop was held in various regions of the state. Pertinent information and training was provided to a total of 1,200 registered participants. Topics included mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect, EEDA and SCOIS updates, State Work-Based Learning Updates, NCAA Eligibility and Student Athlete recruitment process, State scholarships and grants, and non-suicidal self-injury.

A special thank you to all our presenters that travelled statewide delivering training and updates in their field of expertise. Don't worry if you missed out!

All PowerPoint presentations for the regional workshops are available on the SC Department of Education's Office of Career and Technology website under Career Guidance Resources. All are located on the right tool bar labeled Fall Regional Workshop Presentations. Link is <http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/career-and-technology-education/career-guidance/career-guidance-resources/>

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Career Guidance Resources

The nationally recognized career clusters are represented by these South Carolina-specific documents. These guides support efforts by school guidance personnel, career specialists, students, and parents as course-taking choices and career decision making activities take place.

You are encouraged to use the 16 editions of *Pathways to Success* that have been created for South Carolina students - each of which focuses on one of our state's 16 career clusters - as part of your local career program.

Career Cluster Guides

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources • Architecture & Construction • Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications • Business Management & Administration • Education & Training • Educators Guide • Finance • Government & Public Administration • Health Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality & Tourism • Human Services • Information Technology (IT) • Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security • Manufacturing • Marketing • Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) • Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics
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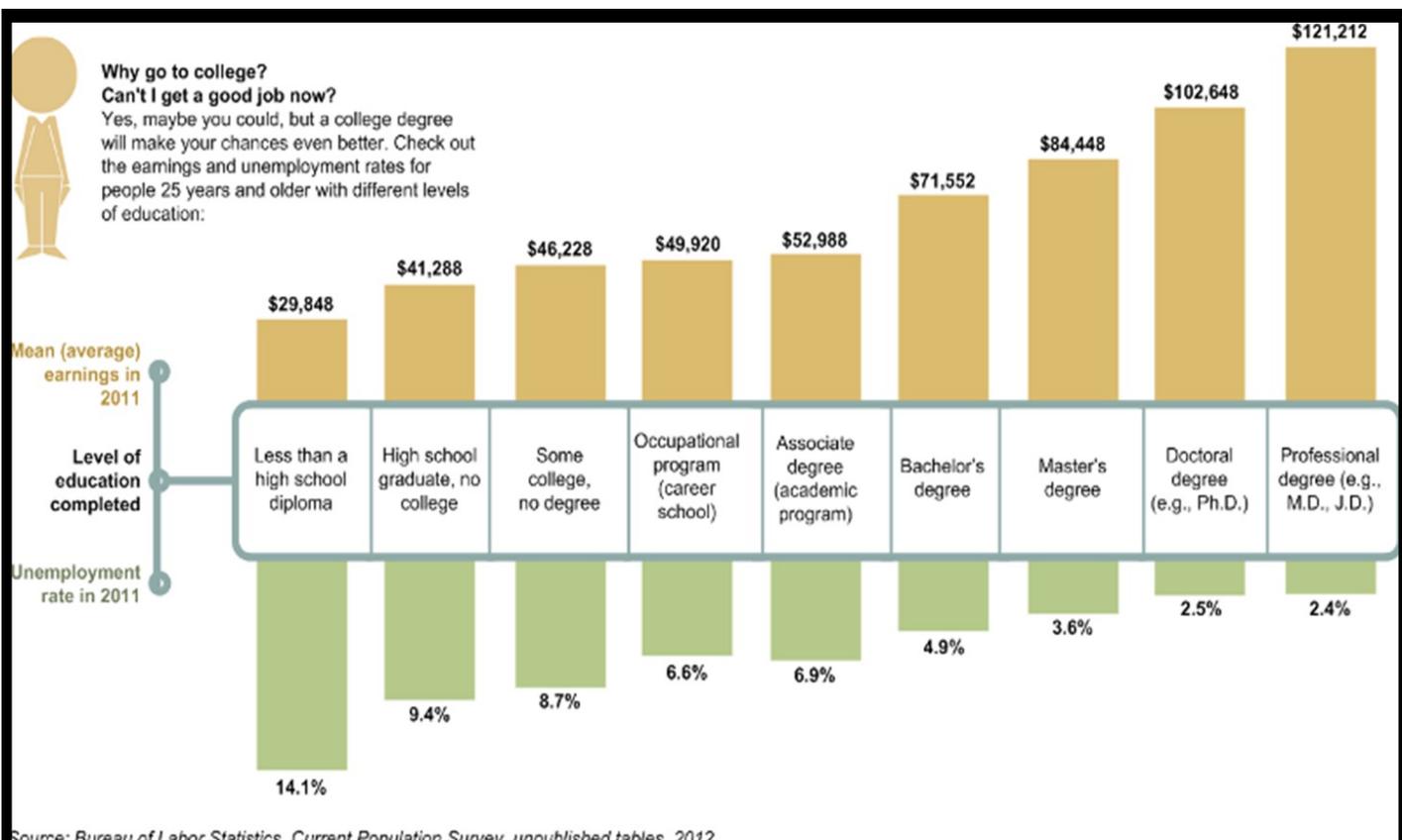
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NCAA Updates for Student-Athletes

Each of you play an important role in helping students understand the requirements to compete in college sports at an NCAA school. 2015-16 has brought many changes to the core course requirements for a student-athlete to be eligible to receive an athletic scholarship. Know the changes! You will find a number of resources on the NCAA site to get you started, but here are the basics: in order to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship in the first year at an NCAA Division I or II school, a student-athlete must meet certain academic and amateurism requirements that took affect during our current academic year.

To meet Division I or II academic requirements, a student-athlete must pass a certain number of NCAA-approved core courses taught at your school.

Eligibility standards have changed!

Be sure your high school core course titles and credits are up-to-date. NCAA will not approve a course credit if the title and course description doesn't match what is reflected on the student's transcript. Confirm all current course titles reflect the same with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Download pertinent information & resources at

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-center>



New Health Science Certifications to be added to the CATE Student Reporting Guide

Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT)

The Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant assists doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals in providing direct patient care in a variety of healthcare environments.

While similar to a Nurse Aid, a Patient Care Technician is nationally certified instead of state licensed. Patient Care Technicians can also conduct blood draws as well as EKG's. To build upon your Nurse Aid curriculum, we recommend adding content in Phlebotomy and EKG to ensure your students success on the exam. The exam is 150 multiple choice questions. <http://www.nhanow.com/patient-care-technician.aspx>

Medical Billing and Coding Specialist

Medical Billing and Coding Specialist are the health care professionals in charge of processing patient data such as treatment records and related insurance information.

The healthcare industry depends on skilled, qualified medical insurance billers and coders to accurately record, register and track each patient's account.

Medical Billing and Coding Specialists are largely responsible for making sure medical office revenue cycles run smoothly.

Upon successful completion of the MBC Program, students qualify to sit for the national certification exam through NCCT Inc. Certified as a National Certified Insurance Coding Specialist (NCICS). <https://www.ncctinc.com/>

Contact Angel Clark, Education Associate at (803) 734-0372 or email aclark@ed.sc.gov for details.



New Computer Science Course

The goal of this course is to help educators learn about computational thinking (CT), how it differs from computer science, and how it can be integrated into a variety of subject areas. As a course participant, you will increase your awareness of CT, explore examples of CT integrated into your subject areas, experiment with examples of CT-integrated activities for your subject areas, and create a plan to integrate CT into your own curricula.

The course is divided into five units, each focusing on the following:

- **Introducing Computational Thinking: What is CT?** - What is computational thinking, where does it occur, why should you care, and how is it being applied?
- **Exploring Algorithms** - Walk through examples of algorithms used in your subject area. Recognize why algorithms are powerful tools to increase what you can do and that technology can be useful for implementing and automating algorithms.
- **Finding Patterns** - Explore examples of patterns in various subjects and develop your own processes for approaching a problem through pattern recognition.
- **Developing Algorithms** - Increase your confidence in applying the computational process to a given problem and recognize how algorithms can articulate a process or rule.
- **Final Project: Applying Computational Thinking** - Create a statement of how computational thinking applies to your subject area and a plan to integrate it into your work and classroom.

Click on link below to see a preview .

<https://computationalthinkingcourse.withgoogle.com/preview>

Contact Tony Dillon , Education Associate (803)734-7168 or email tdillon@ed.sc.gov for details.



"Connecting Education to Careers: Be the Bridge"

Sunday, June 26, through Wednesday June 29, 2016

Location: TD Convention Center, Greenville, SC

The Education and Business Summit is South Carolina's largest annual professional development event for the state's educators and administrators. Over the years, the Summit has grown to attendance levels of 1500 plus. With four days of keynote presentations, concurrent sessions addressing best practices in career and technology education, and the opportunity to earn recertification credits on site, the Summit is an experience that you can't afford to miss. The Education and Business Summit will feature keynote presentations that excite and energize you as well as tons of hands-on workshops and demonstrations.

Full conference details : <http://www.ebsummit.info/>

MILITARY CAREER PATHWAYS 101

In 2010, the SC Department of Education, Office of Career and Technology Education (OCTE), partnered with the U.S Army and the SC Counselor Association to design a course institute providing secondary educators, guidance staff, and administrators a firsthand understanding of military career pathways, postsecondary transitions, and benefits for enlisted members. The course offering, known as Military Career Pathways (MCP) 101, is a three-day experience for educators who will become immersed in learning how military careers are a viable path that fits in all of the 16 national career clusters. The adventure is packed with military discussion panels, collaboration, military base tours, recruiter networking, and breakout sessions. The components of MCP 101 course design include exploring career and technology education programs of study and how each aligns with specific careers in the military. It provides an in-depth look at the crosswalk between military and civilian careers and transferable skills business and industry demand from potential employees. It facilitates a collaborative recruitment practice while dismantling myths regarding military careers. The course also includes a comprehensive overview of nontraditional careers in the military. Educators have the opportunity to develop military-focused lesson plans, share best practices, explore career assessment tools such as ASVAB and March2Success, and utilize valuable military resources to assist in student career decision-making, while providing a seamless transition for each SC student with an interest in joining a military branch.

Since its inception, MCP 101 has expanded its partnership to include US Air Force, US Navy, and McEntire Joint National Guard with the already established effort between OCTE, US Army, and the SC Counselors Association. This year we are excited to incorporate a focus on military careers and its global perspective in an effort to increase educators' awareness of high-skill job demands and methods to prepare SC students as each faces a competitive and global economy. This enhancement will concentrate on academic integration and how to partner with CTE programs within the classroom walls while highlighting the availability of military careers.

MCP 101 is a wonderful example of how a structured learning community can enhance educators' skills in academic advisement, guidance and counseling, and facilitation of collaboration between South Carolina schools and various branches of the military. MCP 101 has been recognized on a national level. It is the model for other states as each implements similar programs, providing exposure to military career paths available to students.

Inquiries about the 2016 MCP 101 may be directed to Kama Staton, Education Associate in the SC Department of Education, Office of Career and Technology Education, or visit the MCP 101 Web site at <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/143/>.

2016 MCP 101 Summer Institute will be held June 21-23, 2016
Registration will open Mid-February!
Information will be released via Guidance ListServ!



Profile of the South Carolina Graduate



World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills



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Rock Hill School District 3 on the road to an Apprenticeship....

Forty-one students from Rock Hill School District 3 traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina on National Manufacturing Day to tour and learn about Chiron and Pfaff industries and their Apprenticeship program. As a result, five of the students participating in the structured field study are currently competing for an Apprenticeship slot at the business/ industry hosting site! Business/Industry exposure for our SC students is priceless.





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Wednesday, February 3 at 2:00 pm ET for an informative webinar titled:

“What Counselors Should Know about 21st Century Competencies.”

We will discuss important knowledge, skills, and abilities students should develop to help with their job searches. While most people already have these competencies, they do not know how to articulate them on their resumes and portfolios. This is an opportunity to share which competencies employers want and how students should think about their courses and preparation work in light of them. The webinar will begin with a 20-minute presentation and will conclude with 30-35 minutes for questions and answers.

Learn more about 21st-century competencies in a @GeorgetownCEW free webinar on 2/3!

Sign up today: <http://bit.ly/1RJHTtn>