

Promoting Rigorous Programs of Study through Statewide Articulation Agreements

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) envisioned that all students would achieve challenging academic and technical standards and be prepared for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in current or emerging professions in the 21st century global economy. To this end, Perkins IV requires states to offer programs of study (POS) comprised of academic and career and technical content to prepare students to make successful transitions to postsecondary education and the workplace.

Implementing the requirements of Perkins IV provides the foundation needed for states to create statewide articulation agreements. The *Promoting Rigorous Programs of Study through Statewide Articulation Agreements* project provided six states funding to construct a POS model that would include a statewide articulation agreement. The States documented their work over the course of the 24-month grant period to capture promising approaches.

The following six grantees and their POS cluster area were:

- Indiana - Transportation, Distribution and Logistics
- New Hampshire - Finance and Health Science
- South Carolina - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Hawaii - Marketing
- Nebraska - Transportation, Distribution and Logistics
- Florida - Health Science and Manufacturing focusing on Biotechnology

Perkins IV Program of Study Requirements

- Incorporate secondary and postsecondary elements;
- Includes coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant career and technical content in a coordinated, non-duplicative progression of courses that align secondary to postsecondary education;
- May include dual or concurrent enrollment programs or other ways to acquire postsecondary education credit;
- Lead to an industry-recognized credential or certificate at the postsecondary level, or an associates or baccalaureate degree.

Resources and Tools That You Can Use

- A Web site that offers brochures, knowledge and skills statements, and model program of study templates organized around the 16 career cluster areas recognized by OVAE and the National Association for State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) are located at <http://www.careertech.org>
- A Web site that offers information on OVAE's Programs of Study Design Framework is located on the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN) at: <http://cte.ed.gov/nationalinitiatives/rpos/cfm>

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