Nebraska Career Academy Program

A Career Academy Program is a sequence of credit-bearing academic and career technical courses which reflect a Career Cluster selected in response to local, regional or state employment needs and demand for expertise.

1. Planning Process
   A planning process shall be conducted prior to establishing a Career Academy Program. [003.01]

2. Required Components
   Each Career Academy Program shall include the required program components. [003.02]

3. Voluntary Participation
   Student participation in a Career Academy Program shall be voluntary. [003.03]

4. Advisory Board Establishment
   A Career Academy Program advisory board shall be established. [003.04]

5. Approval and Operation Process
   1. Apply by September 1st for the preceding school year.
   2. Approval by Commissioner for one school year (July 1-June 30).
   3. Complete Annual Report by August 1. [004] [005]
Has your Career Academy Program Taskforce…

- Evaluated current CTE course offerings and Program(s) of Study? [003.01]
- Identified needed Career Academy Program’s Program(s) of Study based on local/regional workforce and economic needs?
- Identified industry certifications, work-based learning and career student organizations available through the Career Academy Program?
- Identified the potential alignment of the Career Academy Program to postsecondary institutions?
- Identified the staffing and professional development needs?
- Identified private partners and potential resources?
- Identified possible collaboration opportunities?

Does the curriculum in your Career Academy Program include…

- A credit-bearing career exploration course in preparation for the Career Academy Program? [003.02]
- A credit-bearing introductory course within the Career Academy Program’s Program of Study?
- A minimum of two credit-bearing CTE courses within the Career Academy Program’s Program of Study?
- One or more academic courses offered for credit taught in context of the Career Academy Program’s Program of Study?

Does your Career Academy’s career development program include…

- Career information including career interest assessments, labor market data, and postsecondary options?
- Career exploration and planning activities?
- Personal Learning Plans?
- Opportunities to demonstrate the Nebraska Standards for Career Ready Practice?

Does your Career Academy Program include…

- A district level chapter of the Career Student Organization aligned to the focus of the Career Academy Program?
- Work-based learning opportunities?
- A process to recruit students?
- Teachers who meet the requirements of the Nebraska Department of Education, Title 92, Chapters 21 and 24?

Does your Career Academy Program include…

- Voluntary participation of students? [003.03]

Does your Career Academy Program include…

- An established advisory board comprised of no less than 51% business members? [003.04]

Have you…

- Submitted the application for approval? [004] [005]
- Conducted an annual evaluation?
- Submitted the annual report?