



## Innovative Course Application 2007-2008

### Instructions:

1. Complete this application with care, remembering that if the course earns state approval, this application will be made available on the internet and may be accessed and referenced by the public.
  2. Obtain the approval of your local board of trustees prior to submitting your application.
  3. Submit your application via email as an attachment. Use "Innovative Course Application" as your subject line, and address the email to [curriculum@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:curriculum@tea.state.tx.us). **Submit your 2007-2008 application no later than February 27, 2007.** Expect a receipt confirmation within 5 business days.
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Superintendent (if applicant is a Texas school district): Dr. Eddie Coulson

Date of local board of trustees' approval of this innovative course application:



Name of innovative course(s): **Diversified Career Preparation I**

Number of credits that may be earned: 2-3

Brief description of the course (150 words or less):

Diversified Career Preparation I (DCP I) refers to an instructional arrangement, not a course or training area. This work-based instructional arrangement develops essential knowledge and skills through classroom technical instruction and on-the-job training in an approved career and technical training area that has already been approved and assigned a PEIMS Work-Based Learning number. Students will receive general life long learning skills, employability skills leadership, management skills, free enterprise system, work ethics safety, mathematics, financial transactions, and communications as a group; however, each student will have an individual training plan that will address their job specific knowledge and skills. Approved training sponsors will provide paid (or unpaid) occupational training for a student. The training sponsor will assist the teacher in providing the necessary knowledge and skills for the student's specific work-based training. Students will be given specific occupational training assignments in the classroom. This instructional arrangement will be most effectively utilized if it is part of the student's coherent sequence of courses.

The recommended prerequisite is two semesters of technical training prior to this plan of study.

#### **Essential Knowledge and Skills of the course:**

All students will complete the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills designed for the student's occupational training area chosen from those approved for Career and Technical Education in Texas

**(1) Employability skills.** The student utilizes employability skills to gain a position in a company. The student is expected to:

- (A) identify employment opportunities and complete job search procedures, for example, resumes, job applications I-9 and W-4 forms;
- (B) demonstrate proper interview techniques in various situations; and
- (C) create appropriate documents, for example, electronic portfolio, employment application, letter of intent and thank you letters;

**(2) Concepts and skills associated with success at the workplace.** The student develops skills for success in the workplace. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain importance of and model appropriate dress, hygiene, and demeanor for the work assignment;
- (B) demonstrate appropriate grooming and appearance for the workplace;
- (C) demonstrate dependability, punctuality, and initiative;
- (D) develop positive interpersonal skills including respect for diversity;
- (E) demonstrate appropriate business and personal etiquette in the workplace;
- (F) exhibit productive work habits and attitudes;
- (G) demonstrate knowledge of personal and occupational safety practices in the workplace;
- (H) exhibit ethical practices;
- (I) demonstrate the ability to work with the other employees to promote the organization and complete assigned tasks;
- (J) prioritize work to fulfill responsibilities and meet deadlines; and



(K) evaluate the relationship of good physical and mental health to job success and achievement.

**(3) Work ethics.** The student applies work ethics, job expectations, multicultural considerations, and communication skills in the workplace. The student is expected to:

- (A) illustrate how personal integrity affects human relations on the job;
- (B) demonstrate characteristics of successful working relationships, for example, teamwork, conflict resolution, self-control, teamwork; and ability to accept criticism;
- (C) analyze employer expectations;
- (D) exhibit productive work habits and attitudes;
- (E) demonstrate respect for the rights of others;
- (F) communicate effectively via oral, written, and electronic channels;
- (G) identify ethical standards; and
- (H) compare organizational policies and procedures.

**(4) Integration of academics.** The student applies and integrates math, science, English language arts, and social studies in DCP. The student is expected to:

- (A) apply math to business transactions ;
- (B) apply data from tables, charts, and graphs to estimate and find solutions to problems;
- (C) organize, write, and compile ideas into reports and summaries; and
- (D) demonstrate effective verbal, nonverbal, written, and electronic communication skills.

**(5) Standards and legal responsibilities.** The student knows ethical behavior standards and legal responsibilities of the profession. The student is expected to:

- (A) compare published professional codes of ethics;
- (B) identify responsible and ethical behavior
- (C) summarize provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act
- (D) describe the consequences of breach of confidentiality; and
- (E) research and describe laws governing the different professions.

**(6) Self development and interpersonal skills.** The student applies the use of self-development techniques and interpersonal skills to accomplish objectives. The student is expected to:

- (A) identify and practice effective interpersonal and team-building skills involving situations with co-workers, managers and customers; and
- (B) participate in leadership and career development activities (CTSO)

**(7) Concepts and skills related to safety at the workplace.** The students shall be provided opportunities to:

- (A) identify and apply safe working practice to all training stations;
- (B) list unsafe work practices and attitudes;
- (C) explain the role of OSHA in the workplace;
- (D) understand the importance of applying safety rules in all situations; and
- (E) analyze health and fitness practices that influence job performance.

**(8) Acquire the academic and technical skills for future education and employment.** The students will development the stigma and desire for future growth and employment. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze the future employment outlook in their respective occupational area;
- (B) describe entrepreneurial opportunities in their respective occupational area;
- (C) compare rewards and demands for various levels of employment in a variety of careers;



- (D) summarize the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees; and
- (E) determine good money management and financial planning techniques.

**(9) Professional advancement.** The student identifies skills and attributes necessary for professional advancement. The student is expected to:

- (A) evaluate and compare employment options, for example, salaries, benefits, and prerequisites;
- (B) compare rewards and demands for various levels of employment in a variety of careers;
- (C) determine continuing education opportunities that enhance career advancement and promote lifelong learning;
- (D) determine preparation requirements for various levels of employment in a variety of careers in their respective occupational area;
- (E) determine how interests, abilities, personal priorities, and family responsibilities affect career choice; and
- (F) demonstrate effective methods to secure, maintain, and terminate employment.

**Description of the specific student needs this course is designed to meet:**

Students will receive personal social development, educational achievement and lifelong learning and career management employability. The work-based learning program will assist students with the transition from school to work or post-secondary program. Students will have the opportunity to develop higher-order thinking skills such as analysis, evaluation and technical skills.

The Diversified Career Preparation exists for a program that encompasses jobs not including in the current program offerings of Agriculture Science and Technology Career Preparation, Business Education Career Preparation, or Marketing Dynamics and Management. Many students are interested in other areas of work-based learning such as construction, auto technology, industrial technology, computer repair, law enforcement, electrical trades, communications, and medical or allied health fields. More diversity of training stations will provide students with global work skills that will transfer to all areas of employment and provide the transition from school to work to post secondary to a high demand, high wage, and high technical opportunities.

**Major resources and materials to be used in the course:**

Curriculum materials from the following curriculum centers in Texas that serve career and technical education programs will be utilized

University of North Texas \Department of Technology and Cognition  
PO Box 311337-1337  
Denton, TX 76203-1337  
Telephone: 940-565-2293  
Fax: 940-369-8650  
Web Address: <http://www.texashste.com>  
Source of materials for Health Science Technology Education

The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences  
Texas Tech University  
Box 41161  
Lubbock, TX 79409-1161  
Telephone: 806-742-3029  
Fax: 806-742-3034



Web Address: <http://www.hs.ttu.edu/ccfcs>  
Sources of materials for Family and Consumer Sciences

Texas A&M University  
Instructional Materials Service  
2588 TAMUS  
College Station, TX 77843-2588  
Telephone: 979-845-6601  
Fax: 979-845-6608  
Web Address: <http://www-ims.tamu.edu/>  
Source of materials for Agricultural Science and Technology Education and  
Trade and Industrial Education

University of Houston  
College of Technology  
4800 Calhoun  
Houston, TX 77204-4083  
Telephone: 713-743-4087  
Fax: 713-743-4032  
Web Address: <http://www.tbmeccdc.tech.uh.edu>  
Source of materials for Marketing Education and Business Education

University of Texas At Tyler  
Ingenuity Center  
3900 University Blvd.  
Tyler, Texas 75799  
Telephone: 903-566-7379  
Fax: 903-566-7369  
Web Address: <http://www.texastechnology.com>  
Source of materials for the following Career clusters: Manufacturing; and Science, Technology,  
Engineering and Mathematics

From School to Work. J.J. Littrell, James H. Lorenz, and Harry T. Smith. The Goodheart-Willcox  
Company, Inc., Tinley Park, Illinois. 1996

Textbooks, videos, computer software, guest speakers, assessment system instruments and field trips.

### **Required activities and sample optional activities to be used:**

#### **Activities:**

- Each student will receive occupationally specific training through an approved training sponsor.
- Each student will receive instruction that addresses the TEKS for each occupational area.
- Job shadowing and/or internship may be used to supplement the student's occupationally specific training.

#### **Sample optional activities include:**

A variety of teaching methods will be used in Diversified Career Preparation; individualized study; group centered learning; viewing videos and other visual media presentations; electronic portfolio; role playing; guest speakers, panels, and/or field trips; lectures; discussions; instructional computer software programs; and Internet research.



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**Methods for evaluating student outcomes:**

Students will be evaluated using the following methods:

- rubrics will be developed and used to evaluate student activities and project
- classroom assignments
- daily work
- research assignment
- written and oral presentations (group/individual)
- classroom exams, state accountability assessments,
- teacher coordinator observations at student's training station
- employer evaluation of student trainee completed by supervisor every six weeks
- work timesheets
- student self assessments
- electronic portfolio

**Required qualifications of teachers:**

The teacher will be certified to teach the cooperative instructional arrangement under career and technical education program area. These program areas of certification include: Agricultural Science and Technology; Business Education; Health Science Technology Education; Vocational Home Economics Education/Family and Consumer Sciences Education; Marketing Education; and Trade and Industrial Education.