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Center of Excellence September 2016 News

2016-17 WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS FOCUS AREAS OF INDUSTRY SECTOR STRATEGY, EDUCATION, INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOCUS:



Governor's Cyber Security Forum

Assisted the Department of Commerce, CyberWatch West and Whatcom College in organizing a panel for the October 5, Cybersecurity in Higher Education panel being organized for the upcoming National Cyber Security Awareness Month Kick-Off 4-6 October at the Bellevue Hyatt Regency. Corrinne Sande, Director of CyberWatch West and Whatcom Community College's CIS program, will be hosting the one-hour session and panel. The Center worked with Corrine to secure the participation of Erika Voss, Senior Director for Cloud Operations at Oracle and Center Board Member. She and one of her staff from Oracle will participate and present on the panel. The Center also provide an **eBulletin** notification out to its statewide mailing list to inform its constituents of the opportunity to attend events in Seattle and Spokane.

Credit Granted for PLA through New Online Tool

CyberWatch West with the assistance of the research and technical work completed by the Center has launched a new online tool for community and technical colleges that grant credit for prior learning (CPL) to veterans studying information technology (IT) and cybersecurity.

MOS Pathways is a crosswalk that can be viewed on the CyberWatch West website or downloaded as a PDF file. It's based on a list of Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) related to technology, IT, and security. MOS is the military terminology for job types in any of the branches of service, and each MOS is assigned a code to identify it.

The crosswalk created by the Center and CyberWatch West correlates each MOS with specific skill sets and job descriptions, which are then translated into specific courses offered at Whatcom Community College (WCC), where CyberWatch West is based. College faculty and administrators needing to make an accurate comparison between mapped WCC courses and courses offered at their own institutions can refer to the Course Outcomes chart at the end of the document.

On October 13, at the annual PLA Workshop Center staff will hold a training session describing the process utilized to in the Center's Guidebook for MOS crosswalks and provides hand on demonstration of how to construct similar crosswalk for other career fields.

<http://www.cyberwatchwest.org/index.php/faculty-141/mos-pathways>

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Work Experience Marketplace

Use this page to research internship and volunteer opportunities.

The Center continues to work with the CTC HSEM career pathway programs to support the work of the colleges in “guided pathways” and “employers engagement” initiatives. The Center is working with proposed BAS degree programs in HSEM and Cybersecurity to identify internship and work experience opportunities around the state. Center staff have supported the Pierce HSEM AA degree and its collaborating colleges and helped BAS programs on developing internship requirements. We have talked with Russell Dorsey from the Next Steps Transitions Pathways program at Edmonds College about the Center’s Work Experience Marketplace. His job is to assist folks with a criminal record on finding ways to re-enter the workforce. Staff discussed ideas on what career paths might be open to these individuals especially if they had felonies on their record. The Center has revamped the scholarship section of our website to create a page where we can list the links to scholarships which will reduce the need to update the due dates on our site.

Applied Bachelor Programs

BAS Council/Conference – November 2 at South Seattle College

At the August 15, meeting of the State BAS Leadership and Management group it was announced that the BAS workgroup had become an official Council under the Instruction Commission. Linda Crerar who has been participating in the workgroup since its inception was asked to serve as the liaison for the Centers of Excellence to the BAS Leadership Council. Linda is also serving on the planning committee for this year's BAS Conference that will be held in November 2 at South Seattle College's Georgetown Campus.

Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop – September 1

THIS IS NOT A TACTICAL TRAINING COURSE [Agenda](#) [Resources](#)

Given today's ever-changing threat environment, preparing for and training employees to cope with workplace violence should be a key piece of an organization's incident response planning.

Date: September 1, 2016

Location: Pierce College Puyallup
College Center Building, Dining Commons
1601 39th Avenue S.E.
Puyallup, WA 98374

Registration for this event is free. [Click here to register.](#)

Registration closes August 29, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. (EDT). Limited seating is available




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A FEMA training grant for the Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop was held September 1, at Pierce College. The September 1 training offered a unique training opportunity with the National Protection and Programs Directorate Office. 120 people attended this one-day Security Workshop which enhanced awareness of, and response to, an active shooter. Pierce College was one of five (5) locations selected nationally to build emergency planning capabilities.

Up Coming Events



Presented by:
Center of Excellence—Homeland Security Emergency Management
When: October 5, 2015
Where: Lakewold Gardens; Lakewood, WA 98499
Time: 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Registration for this event is free. [Click here to register](#)

Erika Koss, Assistant Dean, College of Social Sciences & Humanities at Northeastern University in Boston, MA and Natasha Frost, PH.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Students and Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice from NEU will be the featured speakers at this year's Women in Leadership Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to help women identify what their strengths are as leaders, where they want to go in terms of education and career, and help them find and follow their dreams and goals. It is important for attendees to walk away with an understanding of the significance of creating strong and dynamic relationships and collaborations with both women and men. A mentorship program will also help match experienced professions with mentees in the six HSEM career pathway fields.