

**DAKOTA COUNTY TECH PREP CONSORTIUM
MINI GRANT 2004-05
FINAL REPORT**

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- **Goal Accomplished:** Goal was to provide multiple access points to increase student's ability to make informed choices about careers. We accomplished this by 1. teaching CRDV Life Career Planning day, evening, and on line 2. Variety of Workshops offered: Undecided Student Workshop as part of a new Student Success Day in Fall and Spring besides that in Spring also offered program on Nursing in collaboration with Nursing Faculty and students;. A program on Careers in Criminal Justice presented with Sociology/Law Enforcement Faculty & panel of professionals; also participated in a campus wide conference on Media and offered session titled Exploring Career Myths & Realities in the Media. 3. Made class presentations on careers and met with students individually for career counseling, referral to career software and career testing. 4. Had counseling/career booth with career materials set up and staffed which we placed various buildings on campus at start of year, during student success days and for evenings during one week in the spring to make students more aware of resources.

- **Who Benefited or Will Benefit:** We made an effort to provide career resources and programming for both day and evening students and community members. The Criminal Justice and Media Conference program were open to high school students, community members and current students. All the programs were advertised across the campus and listed in bulletins and in counseling office. The following numbers of students attend various workshops: Undecided about Career Fall(25), Spring (20), Nursing (26), Criminal Justice (63), Exploring Career Myths (33), Classes offered 6 day, 2 evening, 2 on-line classes during the year averaging 25 students each. The evaluation from the Career Conference Session was very positive (77% gave the program a 1 or 2 out of 5 with a 1 being excellent. Comments made by the majority were that there were good resources and information for searching careers. The goal of all these programs is to provide students with accurate career material so that they can choose appropriate majors to pursue their careers successfully. At the Criminal Justice program students have time to talk to professionals about what education and experience they need to enter these fields. We also work with the career faculty especially nursing to help students either succeed or consider appropriate other health careers that they can enter. This year we offered a program involving students currently in the program, faculty for 1st and 2nd year and career counselors in a panel to present what it takes to enter this field. We had 906 student logins to the MCIS program to date this year. The career center is open from 9AM to 7PM Monday through Thursday and on Friday until 4PM. Students and community members can use the career development material and are shown how to access the career software program. Currents students can make appointments with counselor for individual career counseling and testing/assessment.

- **Are There Plans for Continuation?** Yes, the career/counseling area will do further programming with the nursing faculty which was so successful this year, as well as with the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Program. The Student Success Days first offered this year also proved very worthwhile and we will continue to participate next year as well with the Conference. The Career Development Center and counseling office will offer both individual appointments and class in career development for students both day and evening. Need to work on further outreach.

LIST ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

*Include **copies** of supporting documentation (receipts) and a detailed outline of expenses for the final report

Categories are suggestions only, please input your own categories as necessary.

Budgeted Categories	Actual Expenditures (Final due 4/15/05)
Administrative	
Professional Development	
Meeting Expense	\$ 121.84
Marketing and Development	
Materials and Consumable Supplies	728.63
Software	\$1255.00
Other (Please specify) Speaker	300
Subscriptions career material	321.54
TOTAL	\$2727.01