# Strong Workforce Program Implementation Project

***Workgroup Action Plan***

*Last Updated: May 17, 2018*

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| **Work-Based Learning and Job Placement (WG#4)** | |
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| **Membership** | | | |
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| Lynn Keane | Grossmont | CE Faculty |  |
| Taryell Simmons | Grossmont | Internship/Job Developer |  |
| Janeth Cruz | Imperial Valley College | Internship Coordinator |  |
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| Ann Durham | Region | DSN |  |

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| **Purpose**  What is the charge/purpose of the workgroup? |
| To establish work-based learning and job placement functions at each college that will provide all students with a continuum of critical experiences and support to deepen classroom learning and facilitate employment. |

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| **Outcomes**  What will the workgroup accomplish? |
| 1. Staffing for work-based learning and job placement functions at each college 2. Consensus on definition of WBL 3. Establishment of need for WBL and job placement services 4. Establish goals and processes for WBL and job placement services 5. Professional development completed to expand implementation of WBL 6. Pilot implementation of WBL tool to provide a single point of contact for employers and facilitate placements |

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| **Related Recommendations**  *See full text of recommendations in “Resources” section below* | **Related Guided**  **Pathway Element and Pillar** |
| 1. **Applied and work based learning**    1. Rigorous applied and work-based experiences for all    2. Applied learning strategies integrated into coursework    3. Continuum of work-based learning for all    4. Embedded practice-based experiences    5. Industry-informed projects to address transportation issues    6. Regional approach    7. Engagement with the Workforce Development Council to identify regional employer resources by sector    8. Coordination with faculty to support and expand upon employer contacts    9. Adequately resourced and coordinated employer engagement    10. Assessment and measurement 2. **Employment preparation**    1. Comprehensive and coordinated employment preparation and job placement    2. Staffing for employment preparation and job placement    3. Tracking and dissemination of employment data | Ensure Learning (Pillar 3)  Staying on the Path (Pillar 4) |

## Action Plan Details

Identify, including timeline, due dates, person responsible, and resources needed (time, support, funding)

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| **Research:**   * Create and administer a survey of career staff, deans and faculty to ascertain the types and levels of WBL being implemented and the needs for support—both to increase the number of opportunities and the embedding of opportunities into curriculum; assess current status against desired status; include employment placement support needs in survey.   + Create surveys in coordination with technology subgroup   + Administer surveys through identified point people at each college   + Analyze surveys   + Create profiles of how WBL and JP services are offered on each campus and the processes * Identify best practices from assessment | April-June, 2018  September, 2018 |  |  |  |
| **Development:**   * Establish a widely accepted definition of work-based learning * Identify and adopt resources   to facilitate implementation of WBL   * Establish implementation goals across the region, with regard to both quantity and quality of experiences, based on the assessment and drawing on best practices. * Develop process maps in coordination with technology implementation at technology pilot sites. | June, 2018  May- September, 2018  September, 2018 |  |  |  |

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| **Implementation:**   * Provide staffing for WBL and employment placement / case management functions at each college * Develop and administer RFAs * Pilot or expand implementation at each college based on appropriate points of departure, as identified in assessment and based on goal setting process | June-September, 2018 |  |  |  |
| **Professional development:**   * Provide PD to establish common understanding of WBL and strategies for embedding WBL into curriculum | Oct., 2018 |  |  |  |
| **Technology**   * Form tech subgroup that will focus on identifying a planning and support technology solution (see workplan for this subgroup, below) | May-July, 2018 |  |  |  |

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| **Calendar of Activities**  Summary of key activities (e.g., meetings), milestones, and deliverables | | |
| **Date** | **What** | **Who** |
| June, 2018 | Convene workgroup (review WBL definition, review assessment framework, establish data collection strategy) | Leads, WE |
| June 27, 2018 | Finalize assessment tool | WE, Leads, with WG |
| July-August 2018 | Implement data collection strategy | Leads, Deans, WE |
| September-October, 2018 | Analyze data and determine goals, needs, process maps, and implementation approach |  |
| July-October 2018 | Hire WBL/JP case managers | Colleges |
| August-September, 2018 | Convene new WBL/JP case managers to establish basic common understanding of projects goals and tasks | Leads, Deans, WE |
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| **Communication Plan**  How will the workgroup communicate with one another, other workgroups, and stakeholders? |
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# Resources to Support Workgroup

## Resources

(list of resources helpful for this workgroup such as committee recommendations, existing toolkits, etc.)

* WBL models, components of delivery
* Recommendations
* Roadmap

## Related workgroups

(overlap/connection with other workgroups)

3 – Employment Readiness: 21st Century Skills—ensure that WBL supports development of 21st Century Skills, through messaging and agreements with employers; facilitate assessment of 21st Century Skills by employers as part of WBL experiences

6 – Employer Engagement: Coordination with Employer Engagement to ensure employers are available to offer opportunities and students are available to participate

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| **Key Stakeholders** | | | |
| **Name** | **Affiliation** | **Role/Title** | **Phone and Email** |
|  |  | Faculty with experience  in apprenticeship |  |
|  |  | Service learning  coordinators |  |
|  |  | Dean of CE |  |
|  |  | Career Advisors |  |
|  |  | Work Experience  Coordinators |  |
|  |  | Chambers of Commerce |  |
|  |  | Employers |  |
|  |  | DSNs |  |
|  |  | Foundation Business  Developers |  |

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| **ENSURE LEARNING (Pillar 3)** |
| 1. **Applied and work-based learning:** Ensuring all students have access to a full range of high-quality, rigorous applied and work-based learning experiences, including employability skills.    1. *Rigorous applied and work-based experiences for all.* Offer rigorous applied, project-based, WBL experiences through classroom instruction, giving all students the opportunity to learn and practice the 21st Century Employability Skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity (among others) in addition to technical skills.    2. *Applied learning strategies integrated into coursework.* Integration of applied learning strategies helps to make academic subjects relevant and meaningful, and promotes persistence.    3. *Continuum of work-based learning for all.* Provide all students with access to a continuum of career exploration and work-based learning experiences throughout their college tenure, linked to coursework when possible. Begin with early career exploration experiences such as informational interviews and job shadowing, continuing through industry-informed projects, internships, and career training opportunities such as apprenticeships. Provide faculty with professional development and support to assist them in expanding opportunities for students.    4. *Embedded practice-based experiences.* Make experiential learning with employers, such as internships (practice-based learning), an embedded component of the CE curriculum.    5. *Industry-informed projects to address transportation issues.* Offer industry-informed projects that can be completed in class, in addition to campus employment to provide all students with opportunities. Examples of industry-informed projects include: employer-juried robotics projects, business plans that are reviewed by Chamber of Commerce volunteers, videos or websites built in class or at home for nonprofit organization clients, construction projects completed on campus for Habitat for Humanity, waste water projects designed and submitted to local government agencies.    6. *Regional approach.* Take a regional approach to employer engagement, to streamline contacts for employers and maximize access to opportunities for students. Link students to regional opportunities through electronic systems and sharing of information among coordinators across colleges.    7. *Engagement with the Workforce Development Council to identify regional employer resources by sector.* Engage the WDC to identify regional employers by sector, that can support work-based learning for students throughout the region; leverage the efforts of regional advisory committees.    8. *Coordination with faculty to support and expand upon employer contacts.* Develop processes that allow faculty to maintain connections with employers with whom they have pre-existing relationships — especially with smaller, local companies — while leveraging college-wide and regional resources to expand upon faculty connections.    9. *Adequately resourced and coordinated employer engagement***.** Ensure adequate staffing to |

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| engage with employers for development of opportunities and coordination with faculty, for example, by engaging job developers to work with career services staff. Coordinate employer engagement regionally with Deputy Sector Navigators, to foster expertise among staff in distinct in-demand industries and occupations.  *5.10 Assessment and measurement.* Assess and track the attainment of critical skills (acquired through course content and WBL) through portfolios or other means that signal students’ accomplishments to employers and other educational institutions; track data to inform program improvement. |
| **STAYING ON THE PATH (Pillar 4)** |
| 1. **Employment preparation:** Provide employment preparation, advising, and placement services for all students.    1. *Comprehensive and coordinated employment preparation and job placement.* Facilitate transitions to employment by providing comprehensive employment preparation and employment advising and job placement services that are coordinated with career planning functions, pathway (technical) instruction, and delivery and assessment of WBL experiences.       1. Embed career awareness and resources into program curricula and provide students with opportunities to earn credit for participating in career-related experiences as part of their classes.       2. Create capstone classes or capstone experiences in existing classes that allow students to engage in a culminating project or work-based learning experience, refine resumes, prepare for employment, practice interviewing skills, or engage in transfer activities.       3. Support the development of research and networking skills, and actively support participation in networks such as LinkedIn.       4. Track interview and employment results to provide support to students who are struggling with the employment process.    2. *Staffing for employment preparation and job placement.* Provide adequate staffing for the employment preparation and placement functions, while leveraging technology and community resources, to ensure that students are receiving the needed support.    3. *Tracking and dissemination of employment data.* Make student employment-related outcome data available to faculty and staff for program improvement purposes and to outside stakeholders as a means to showcase student successes and bring visibility to the importance of career and employment services. |

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| **WBL and Employment Placement Technology**  **(Subgroup of Work-Based Learning and Job Placement Workgroup #4)** | |
| **Workgroup Lead:** WestEd | **Staff Support:** Molly Ash |

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|  |  | Representative from  each college |  |
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| Assess need and identify technology options to support WBL and job placement. Oversee and learn from pilots at selected colleges. |

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| **Outcomes**  What will the workgroup accomplish? |
| Recommendations for implementation |

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| **Related Recommendations** | **Related Guided Pathway Element and Pillar** |
| High level recommendations (reference only):   1. Endorse the adoption of work-based learning and job placement technology that will serve all students and employers in the region. (ERJP Ex Summary p. 10) 2. Employ technology to support students’ access to career exploration and applied and work-based learning opportunities linked to their pathway curricula; pilot existing and proposed tools before adoption. (ERJP Ex Summary p. 10-11; 14) 3. In partnership with business and industry, employ technology to support students’ access to job and to facilitate job placement services. Pilot existing and proposed tools before adoption. (ERJP   Ex Summary p. 10) | Ensure Learning Staying on the Path |

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| **IT Research Activities** |  |  |  |  |
| Conduct discovery activities (e.g., interviews) with each campus/district IT personnel to document technology adoption  requirements/policies | April-June 2018 |  |  |  |
| Document any issues that will  need to be assessed by leadership groups | July-August 2018 |  |  |  |
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| **Evaluation of Existing**  **Pilots/Tools (e.g., JAIN, LaunchPath, CCN, Portfolium)** |  |  |  |  |
| Determine subjects and pilot activities and finalize related materials (e.g., interview  protocols) | April-June 2018 |  |  |  |
| Help to coordinate interviews and other data collection efforts (e.g., identifying students to  provide feedback) | July- October 2018 |  |  |  |
| Review and provide feedback on the documentation of pilots | October –  November 2018 |  |  |  |
| Develop communication strategy  for reporting out of pilot activities and findings | November–  December 2018 |  |  |  |
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| **Jobspeaker Pilot** |  | Imperial Valley  Grossmont  Palomar |  |  |
| Identify college(s) and possibly one or more priority sectors or emerging sectors to participate in | April-June 2018 |  |  |  |

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| the pilot |  |  |  |  |
| Determine pilot activities and finalize related materials (e.g.,  interview protocols) | July 2018 |  |  |  |
| Participate in vendor meetings to coordinate meeting requirements  for adoption | July-August 2018 |  |  |  |
| Help to coordinate interviews and other data collection efforts (e.g., identifying students to  provide feedback) | August- October 2018 |  |  |  |
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| Conduct cost analysis for regional implementation, including the cost to acquire, use, and maintain the system; and the cost and effort to implement the new tool | November– December 2018 |  |  |  |
| Determine process for managing regional procurement and ongoing costs | November– December  2018 |  |  |  |
| Document recommendations for regional implementation strategies | November– December  2018 |  |  |  |
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| **Jobspeaker Implementation** |  |  |  |  |

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| Review and finalize overall workplan for regional implementation activities | January- February 2019 |  |  |  |
| Define phasing approach (e.g., a subset of colleges or programs) based on readiness to engage | January-  February 2019 |  |  |  |
| Develop process for monitoring  implementation activities and status of each campus | January-  February 2019 |  |  |  |
| Develop college-specific implementation plans | February-  April 2019 |  |  |  |
| Establish plan(s) for the clean-up of source data required for full implementation (e.g., course  catalog) | February- April 2019 |  |  |  |
| Establish governance process for key implementation considerations (e.g., system  configuration decisions) | February- April 2019 |  |  |  |
| Develop communication strategy for implementation activities (e.g., college plans) with key  stakeholders | February- April 2019 |  |  |  |
| Develop training plan |  |  |  |  |
| Develop marketing plan |  |  |  |  |
| Coordinate with other workgroups regarding employer  outreach and communication |  |  |  |  |

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* [Product dossiers](https://wested.box.com/s/a5bop7fddvisyk2ln325rdqz8yrn5efy) (Box)
* [Product evaluation rubrics](https://wested.box.com/s/rhklzyog2id6w32e85tvqpak4a3q9r5p) (Box)
* [Technology adoption resources](https://wested.box.com/s/nggte2dxbotmjao7mx8qvdbxg7muw1vh) (Box)

## Related workgroups

(overlap/connection with other workgroups)

See above.

Also, collaboration with the Technology subgroup in Employment Readiness