

MA in CTE Portfolio

ECT 6948 - Practicum in CTE – Summer 2013

Section IV. Impact of Program Participation

Professional Growth Plan

Taking into consideration the self-assessment of professional practice, the professional growth plan should outline anticipated career paths while describing the steps to be taken to enhance your knowledge, skills, and practice in CTE.

Upon completion of the masters degree program I wish to obtain either a college teaching position or and administration career in career and technical education. In the fall of 2013, I begin teaching an engineering course at the State College of Florida. This opportunity came along due to the work of my practicum project. The project led to the institute of a local advisory council where I met the program director for the State College of Florida. We discussed my program and goals and I was offered a teaching position as an adjunct professor. I have a profound passion for career and technical education and wish to continue a career path with a focus in this area.

In order to be successful, there is an obligation for me to be a lifelong learner. By December of 2013, I hope to become a certified SolidWorks Professional user (3D Design and Manufacturing software). I earned an associate certificate from SolidWorks two years ago and feel it's time to advance my learning. This will continue to display to the students I teach the importance of lifelong learning. In the next year if financially possible I wish to begin a Doctoral degree in the education field. I wish to do further work and research regarding the importance of K-12 engineering programs and or career academies and their benefits.

As stated in the self assessment a current limitation with my career and CTE is the economic preservation of CTE programs. It appears at all levels of CTE from my experience a burning issue is funding. I sense if I can continue professional growth in the area of grants and acquiring funding, this focus only benefit my value as a leader if CTE no matter where my career launches me in the future. At this point I feel my participation in this program accelerated my career and career goals.