

College and Career Transition Counselor

Background:

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) has added one full-time College and Career Transition Counselor to work with three area high schools. The three high schools are

- West Fork,
- West Hancock, and
- Belmond-Klemme.

The counselor will also be shared with NIACC. She will have one day at each of the three schools, another day at NIACC, and the fifth day will be flexible for her to spend additional time in any one of the four locations as needed.

Although the position is attached to NIACC, the counselor is intended to help all students transition to their next step after graduation, whether it is with NIACC, in another community college, in the workplace, or in a four-year institution.

The position is funded short-term by a grant. Long-term the position will be funded by state sharing dollars. Because Belmond-Klemme can claim this as a shared position and receive state sharing dollars for the efficiency, the position will come at no cost to BK.

Lydia Reding has a bachelors degree from UNI and a masters in counseling from Minnesota State at Mankato. She will generally be on campus in the high school building on Thursdays each week. As her job title implies, her primary responsibility will be to help juniors and seniors with their transition from high school into careers or into college.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board move to authorize the position of shared College and Career Transition Counselor in cooperation with North Iowa Area Community College.