Bridging the Gaps in Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Research

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Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Research Graduate Student Research Fellow

Bio. David Wilson is the Career Pathway Coordinator at Cape Fear Community College where he oversees North Carolina's Career and College Promise Program for dual-enrolled students and the Work-Based Learning Courses for Career and Technical Programs. He is also a doctoral student in the North Carolina State University’s Adult and Community College Leadership program. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Pembroke’s MBA program where his research focus was on the correlation between degree majors and the college graduate's first destination. Mr. Wilson’s fascination with higher education and the relation to labor market outcomes lead to his current position. Mr. Wilson’s work to enhance the quality of worked-based programs has led to numerous changes within his institution. He has also conducted presentations on career development for curriculum to enhance the soft skill development at the North Carolina Community College Annual Conference. Mr. Wilson looks to continue his work in finding new and innovative ways to increase the quality of CTE programs to improve labor market outcomes.

Project. Work-based learning is a large part of many career and technical education programs. This project will examine how work-based learning impacts students development of skills for the workplace. Specifically, this project will examine a number of work-based learning programs to identify the best practices for students to learn soft and technical skills for work.

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The Program
Fellows will be part of a community that participates in two national research training institutes, research methods webinars, works with CTE research mentors, and conducts postsecondary CTE research.

Applications for the 2020 Postsecondary CTE Research Fellows will be available July 1st, 2019 and due December 1st, 2019.

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