Medical Office/Office Administration – advisory committee members stressed the importance of internships and co-ops.

Computer Information Technologies - Cooperative Education Courses
- Can be paid or unpaid opportunity
- Benefits the student, employer & CCC
- Great way to try out candidate before hiring
- Opportunities for employers seeking help 10 – 20 hours per week (part-time basis)
- Great way to give back to the community
- Pharr Tech, Baldor, Computer Connections all stated they would be interested in using students for this

Mechanical Drafting Technology - Qualities employers would like to see in our students:
- Communication between shop & engineering lacking due to knowledge in manufacturing processes.
- Design intent fundamentals
- More software training i.e., working with assemblies and rendering software
- Machining basics
- Classes leading to Mechanical Engineering Degree
- Lean Manufacturing Certificate

Early Childhood Education – Comments from committee members:
- Students need more and more internships
- Students need to be taught how to dress professionally, how to interview properly, how to present themselves

CO-Op – Suggestions:
- Need to have greater awareness of co-op program
- Co-op participants should go through background checks
- Our students are weak in use of correct grammar, customer service, professional behavior, confidentiality, appropriate business attire, understanding importance of good first impression

Electronics Engineering Technology – Comments & Suggestions:
- Students need good mechanical as well as electrical troubleshooting skills
- Mr. Hughes committed to having the College’s internship coordinator contact Bob Osburn from CVG (Commercial Vehicle Group) about creating internships

Automation Engineering Technology – Since the initial advisory meeting in September, 2011, the following tracks are being considered:
- Teleoperation & Cybersecurity
- Process Control
- Robotics/Motion Control (which is the current forte of the program)
- Fluid Power
- Mechatronics/Electromechanical
- Smart Grid & Sustainable Energy
- Building Automation
Phlebotomy – Suggestions:
  • Need a PBT lab or at least a better room for needle sticks

Practical Nursing – Need to seek NLN Accreditation

BLET – Need to have motivational slogan on classroom walls

Broadcasting Production Technology – Need to further develop student-based videos for C-19

Summary – There seems to be a significant interest among employers regarding internships and co-op opportunities. This was noted across multiple programs, including Medical Office/Office Administration, Computer Information Technology, Early Childhood Education, Electrical/Electronics, and Automation Engineering Technology. The level of interest expressed provides the College with an opportunity to work with local business and industry to provide real-world, hands-on experience to our students and could lead to employment for them as a result.