RIT hosted over 40 teachers from across the country in for Winter Core Training! We would like to offer a special thanks, to our Master Teachers, listed below, for helping to make this program a success! We hope everyone enjoyed their time at RIT as much as we enjoyed hosting you. Congratulations to all participants!

**POE:**
- Mike Cronmiller (Livonia)
- Dave Marshall (Irondequoit)
- Eric Brewer (Penfield)

**IED:**
- Greg Golding (Livonia)
- Gordy DiBattisto (Brockport)

**DE:**
- Jim Muthig (Shawsheen Valley)

**Summer Core Training**

The schedule will be announced soon and registration will open in April. All information will be posted on our [website](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/pltw/) as it is confirmed. Any questions concerning Core Training can be directed to Sarah Pillittere.
PLTW Assessment Announcements

With the 2016-17 testing cycle underway, PLTW would like to provide you with a few tips on how to have a successful End-of-Course (EoC) Assessment administration experience for both teachers and students. You can also find this information in the PLTW 16-17 EoC Assessment Administration Manual located in the Assessment module of the PLTW Professional Learning Community (PLC) in the LMS.

- The test window for the 2016-17 school year closes June 30, 2017.
- When rostering students in myPLTW, please ensure the start and end dates fall between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. All students must be rostered within this date range to be included in the 2016-17 school year.
- PLTW recommends that schools DO NOT wait until the last day of classes to administer the test.
- PLTW strongly encourages teachers to use the Demo Codes provided upon registering for the EoC to practice with the testing platform. This is an opportunity for you and your students to familiarize yourselves with the testing platform and to test your system infrastructure to make sure your technology settings are accurate for the actual test day.
- Confirm Individualized Education Program (IEP)/504 Plan accommodations are correct and select the appropriate test version (Timed/Untimed).
- Remind students of the authorized materials they are allowed to use.
- Be sure to distribute test codes to the correct students (the student Date of Birth is on the printed ticket).
- Understand how to administer the EoC by reading the PLTW 16-17 EoC Assessment Administration Manual.
- Utilize the content maps and blueprints provided by PLTW in the Assessment module of the PLTW PLC.

If a testing irregularity occurs, please use the EoC Irregularity Form to submit the issue. PLTW will respond within two business days of notification. If you have an issue that needs immediate attention, please contact the PLTW Solution Center at 877.335.7589.

More Project Lead The Way news and information regarding PLTW programs and network can be found on the PLTW website.

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Undergraduate College Registration Form is Available Online

Students and parents are now able to download the undergraduate registration form and parent letter at http://www.rit.edu/pltw along with the payment in the mail. Everyone on this newsletter list will receive an electronic version of the parent letter and the registration form to distribute to qualified students in April. The parent letter will contain information on where to find the online form on RIT’s website and will also explain how RIT will calculate the stanine scores for a letter grade. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Cooper at 585-475-4609 or pltw@rit.edu.

College Credit for PLTW Courses

Secondary school students from any PLTW school may apply for RIT college credit for five of the PLTW courses:

- Introduction to Engineering Design/Design and Drawing for Production/Solid Modeling
- Principles of Engineering
- Digital Electronics
- Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing

To be eligible for the RIT college credit, students must earn an End of Course assessment score of 6 or higher on the end of course assessment exam (6=C, 7=B, 8 or 9=A) and must also have an 85% or higher course class average.

For the students meeting those criteria, RIT awards three semester credits for each of the five courses at a discounted rate of $225 per course.

Each teacher/school must email their qualifying students’ course average and stanine scores to Deborah Cooper, dacpltw@rit.edu or pltw@rit.edu by July 1, 2017. Privacy laws do not allow PLTW’s assessment company to share its data. RIT will keep this data confidential and will not share it.

Students applying for RIT credit should be given the registration form or can go to www.rit.edu/pltw to print the form and send it along with a $225 check/money order to the address listed on the form. They are “enrolled” in the current RIT semester. At the end of the semester, students will receive a transcript.

- If your student is graduating in 2017 or you have a Jr. applying for early acceptance to colleges in the fall of 2017 it is recommended that the registration form/payment be sent in by July 15, 2017. This will ensure that your student can receive a transcript at the end of August 2017.

Since these students are receiving college credit for college-level work, there are certain rules that must be followed by every PLTW-certified school to ensure the integrity of the exam and process:

- Students must take the exam immediately at the conclusion of the course.
- All exams must be given prior to June 30, 2017 for students completing the course in the 2016-17 school year.
Students taking the exam in the 2016-17 school year **must** apply for and pay for RIT credit by **Nov. 2, 2017**.

**RIT/PLTW Scholarships**

RIT has established a merit scholarship program for PLTW students. This is awarded to outstanding admitted freshman who have completed 2 or more PLTW courses. The RIT/PLTW Scholarship cannot be combined with other RIT merit scholarships.

Interested students must submit a letter of recommendation from a PLTW teacher along with the RIT admission application and school transcripts by January 15. For additional information on available scholarships, go to [www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid).

**NY STEM Conference**

The 2016 NY STEM Conference was held on Thursday, October 13, at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Rochester, NY. Presentations are available on our [website](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid).

**2017 PLTW Summit**

The 2017 [PLTW Summit](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid) is slated for October 22 – 25 in Orlando, Florida.

This national gathering serves as a catalyst for collaboration that can help solve the education and workforce development challenges facing our nation. Join us to be inspired and inspire one another; engage in networking activities and learning experiences; and share success stories and actionable ways to empower students.

**Update Training**

[DM and CIM Update Training Sessions](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid) are currently open for registration. Details are available on our website.

**RIT News and Upcoming Events**

[Explore RIT! Accepted Student Open House](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid) (4/1 and 4/8), [Spring Preview Day](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid) (4/21), [College & Careers](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid) (7/21-22 and 8/4-5), and various [off campus](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid) events.

Save the Date: [Imagine RIT](http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid) - May 6, 10 – 5 pm

RIT announces our 10th President! David C. Munson Jr., former dean at the University of Michigan will succeed President Destler in July 2017.