COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION & EMPLOYABILITY

NEW ENGLAND BOARD of HIGHER EDUCATION
Commission Charge

• Identify, review and recommend high-impact policies and practices related to:
  • Clarifying what employability means for New England
  • Promoting the readiness and employability of postsecondary graduates
  • Supporting timely and effective transitions to the workforce

• Represent the needs of key stakeholder groups and work to develop a consensus on potential next steps

• Take a prescriptive leadership and advocacy role by charting an action agenda for participating states and their postsecondary institutions

• Recognize success and excellence, as well as inform and accelerate policy change, the adoption of best practices and innovation
The Commission’s Work

- 11 months
- 5 meetings
- Testimony from 13 experts
- 1 Summit, attended by 450 people
- 18 action-oriented recommendations
- 66-page report
5 Critical Employability Experiences

The Commission identified critical employability experiences that all postsecondary students should have access to and complete by the time they complete:

• Foundation skills in literacy, numeracy and communication, including the ability to work in teams, communicate clearly verbally and in writing, and solve problems
• An individual career plan prepared early in their postsecondary experience
• At least one paid and/or credit-bearing work-integrated learning experiences
• Achievement of digital competencies related to their course of study, career goals and the fast-changing economy
• Attainment of an affordable credential that is employer-informed and is aligned to career pathways
Next Steps

Emerging Initiatives:
• Multi-state Longitudinal Data Exchange
• New England Career Services Network
• Digital Competencies Initiative
• New England Credential Registry Initiative

Key tools for states and institutions:
• Employability Audits
• Benchmarking Equity in New England’s Higher Education Ecosystem
For more information and to view the report, visit:

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