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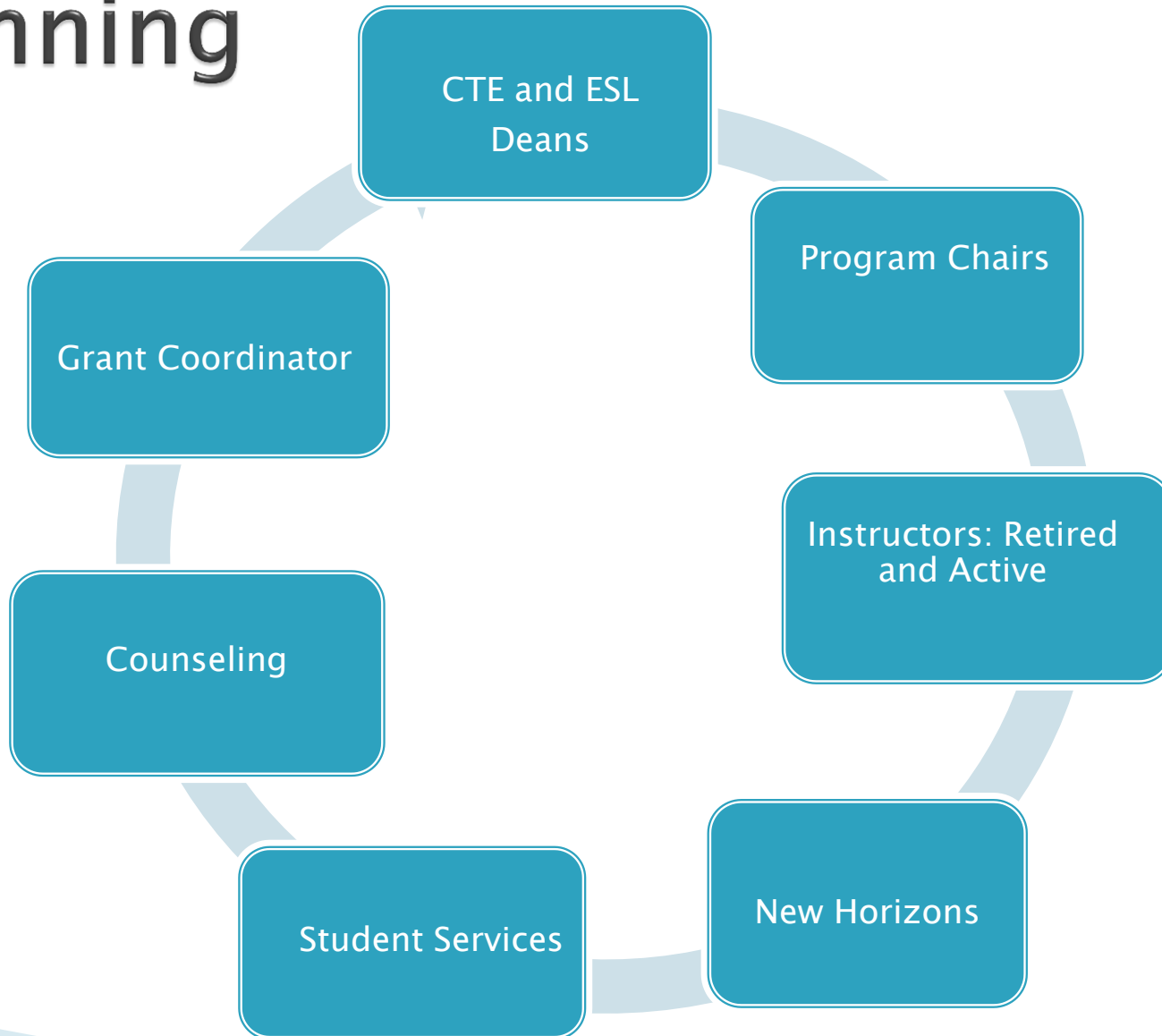
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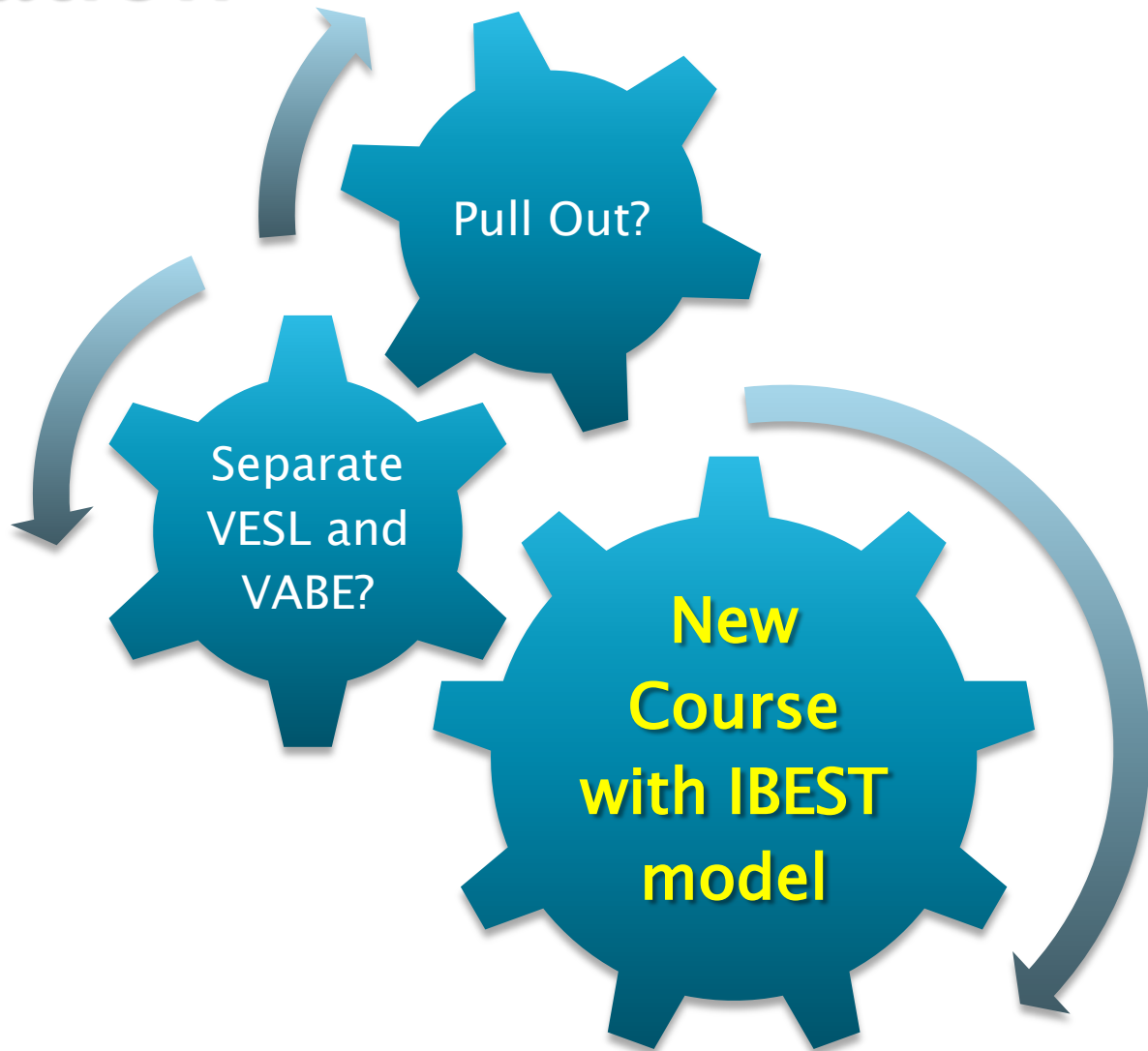
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Planning



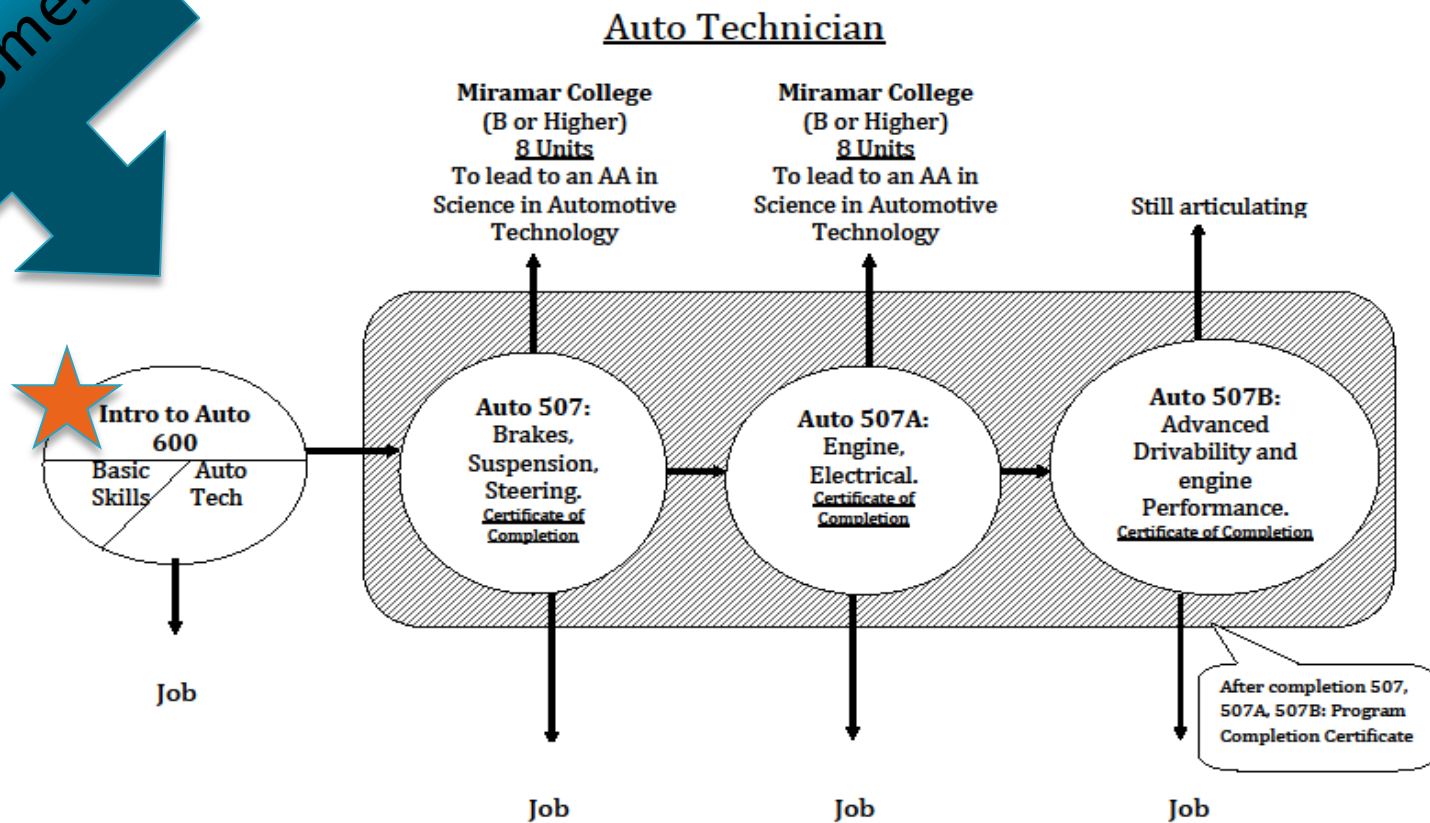
Exploration



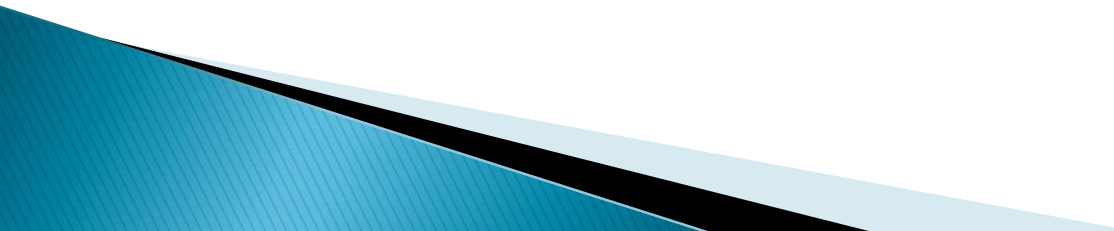
IBEST Collaboration

- ▶ Auto 600/601 and Adv Pre-Vocational ESL
- ▶ Offered to students scoring
 - Below 8th grade math
 - Below 9th grade reading
 - English Language Learners
- ▶ Serves as introduction to core series:
3 modules ~ 325 hours each

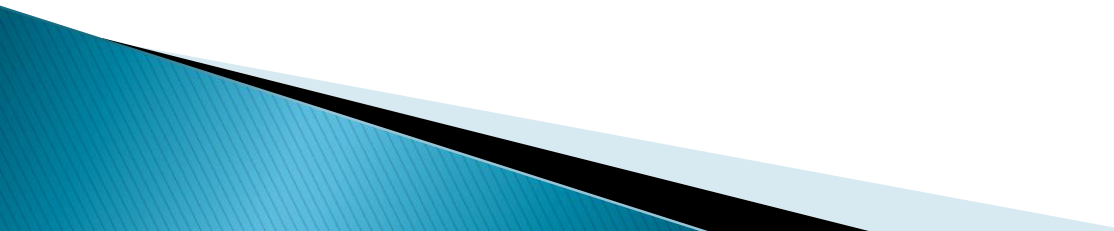
Orientation and Assessment



Goal: Increase Persistence

- ▶ ... provide a base of technical skills and technical knowledge in English
 - ▶ ... reawaken mathematical thinking
 - ▶ ... develop 'student habits'
 - ▶ ... build confidence
 - ▶ ... foster learning community
 - ▶ ... set short and long-term goals
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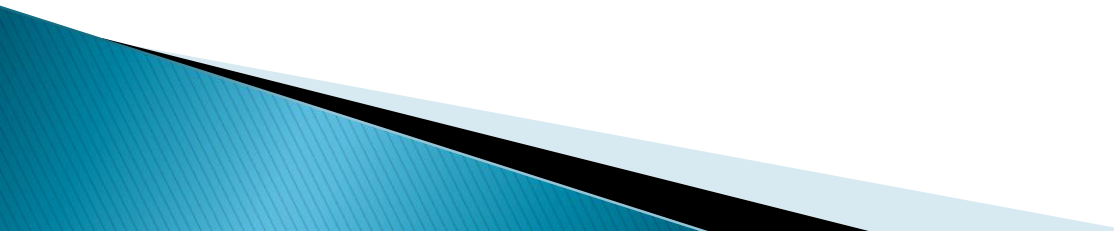
Soft Skills

- ▶ Understand work expectations
 - ▶ Prepare a resume, job interview practice
 - ▶ Balance work, family and school
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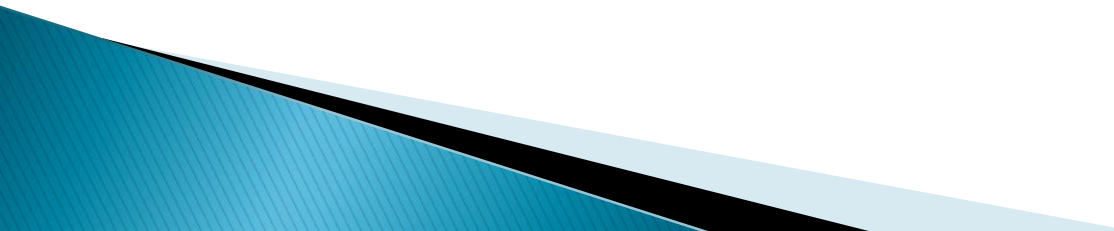
Course Development

- ▶ 100 hours each for instructors before and during pilot phase
 - Research, peer observations, collaborative planning
- ▶ Additional non-classroom time, post-pilot
 - Informed professional development

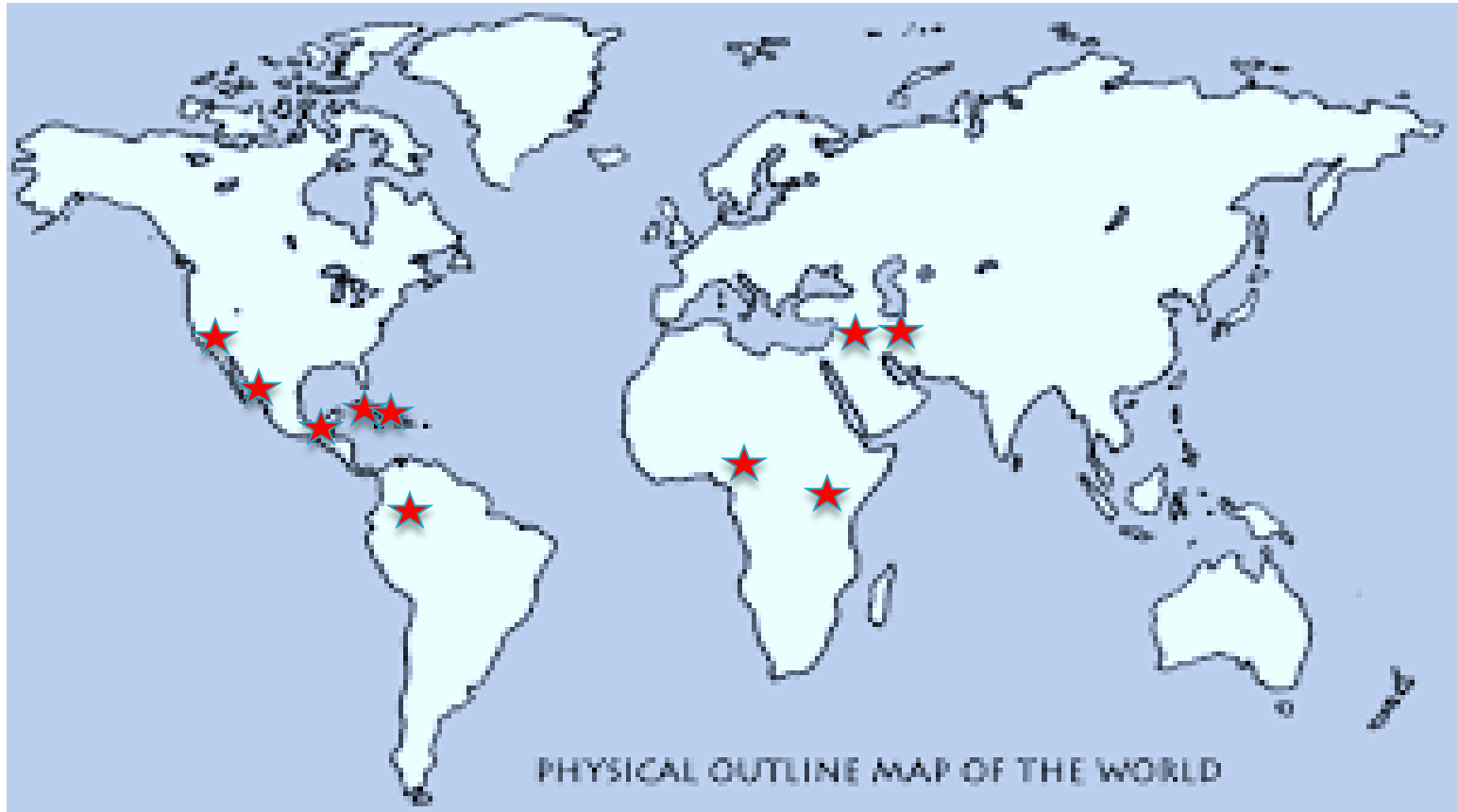
Instructional Strategies

- Introductions: Class community
 - Hands-on presentations and practice
 - Common sense approach
 - YouTube and computerized simulations
 - Complementary reading and math lessons
 - Structure opportunities for discussion and retelling
 - Variety of assessment styles
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Pilot

- ▶ 20 Students – 11 weeks – 20 completed
 - ▶ Pre–Post CASAS Employability Test
 - ▶ 80% gains in math, 60% gains in reading
 - ▶ 19 continued to 507A
 - ▶ 16 currently enrolled after 10 weeks
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Student Diversity



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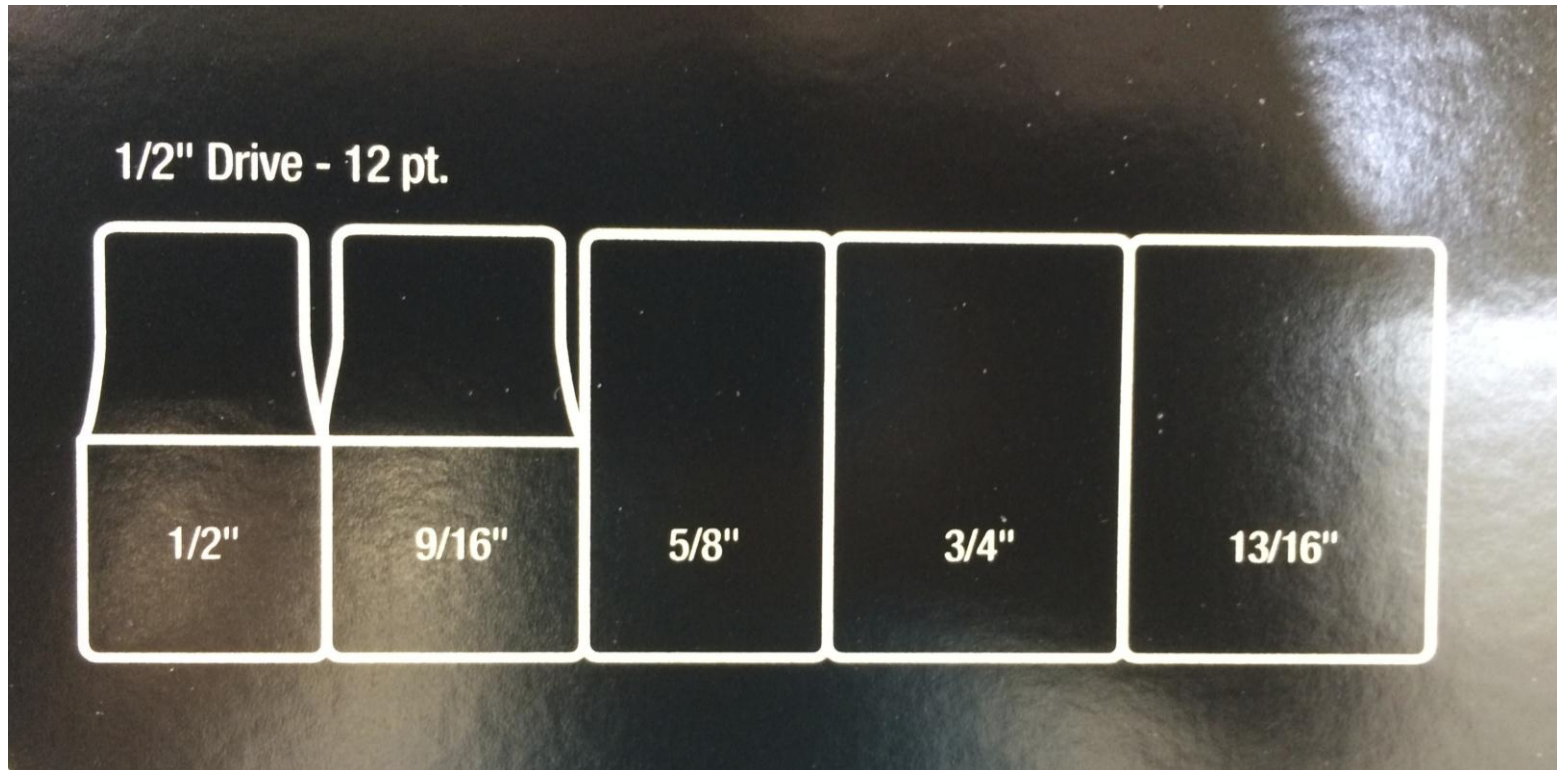


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- S8 Best part was Math: fractions, percentage, decimals, now math makes sense. Frank is a miracle mechanic. I learned how to use the all-data program and Mitchell-on-Demand. It teaches you every procedure and what tools to use. Also learned about pistons and seeing the inside of the engine. Now curious about how it all works.



Contextualized Mathematics



Vocational ESL/ABE





Career Technical Education



Hands on Learning



Contextualized Mathematics

Directions: For each word problem, decide which operation is needed to answer the question. (*add, subtract, multiply, divide*) Then solve the problem.

1. What size socket is $\frac{1}{16}$ " larger than a $\frac{1}{4}$ " socket?

_____, _____

2. What size socket is $\frac{1}{8}$ " smaller than a $\frac{1}{2}$ " socket?

_____, _____

Academic Application

2. Which of the following is *not* a common socket drive size?

(A) 1/4"

(B) 3/8"

(C) 5/8"

(D) 1/2"

3. The most commonly used and versatile socket handle is the:

(A) *ratchet.*

(B) *flex bar.*

(C) *breaker bar.*

(D) *speed handle.*

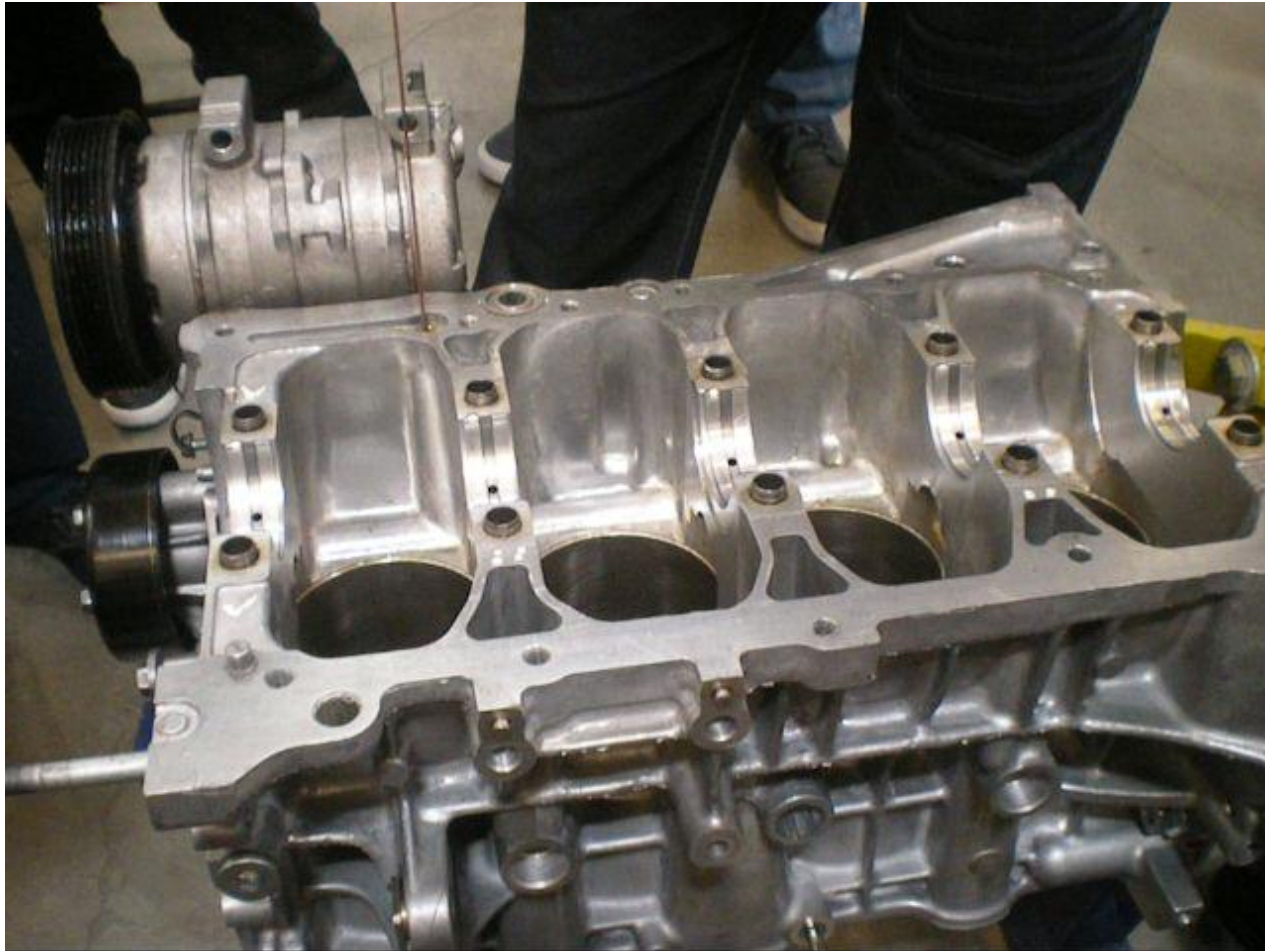
Measuring Tools and Decimals



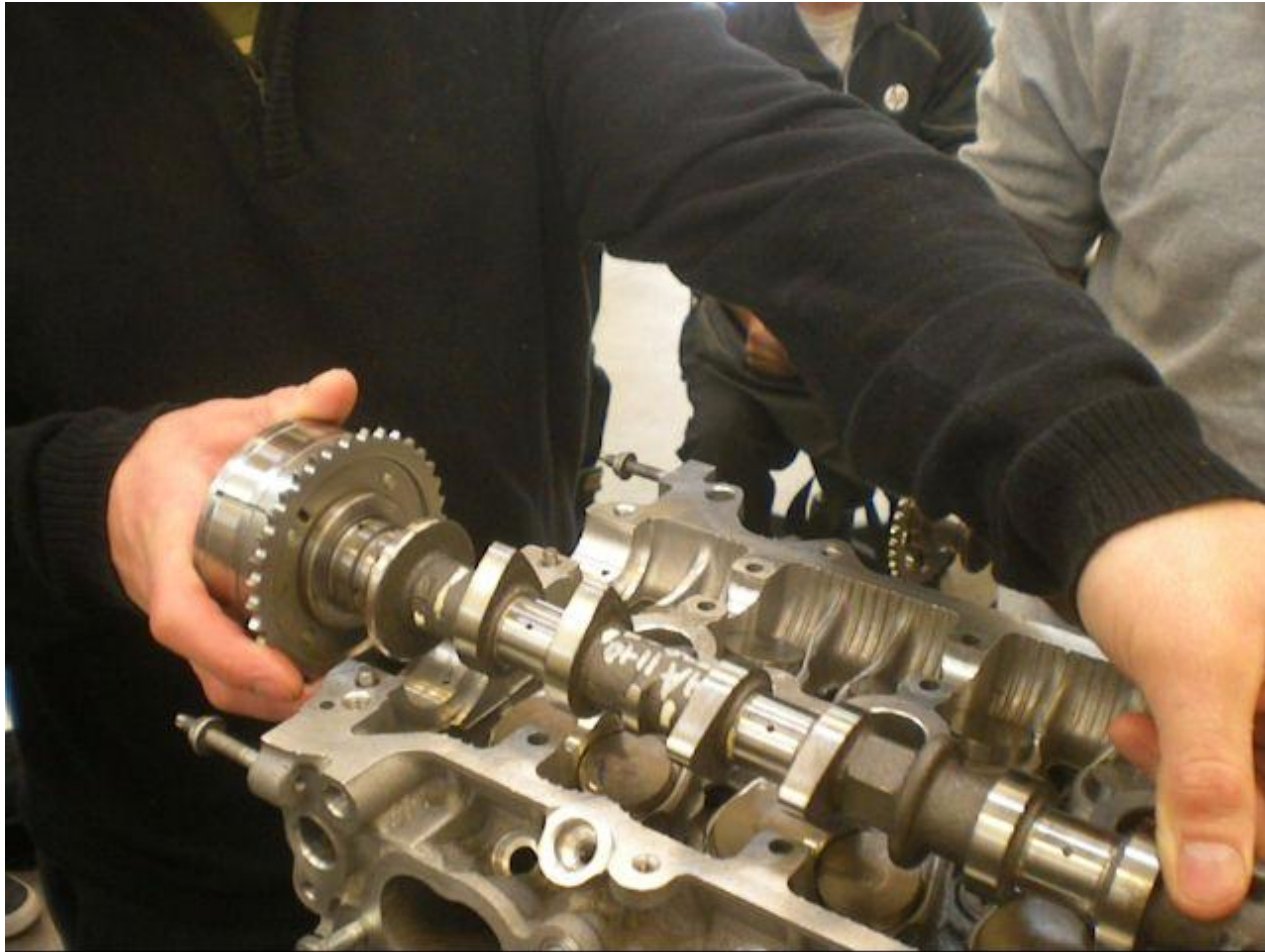
What's this measurement?



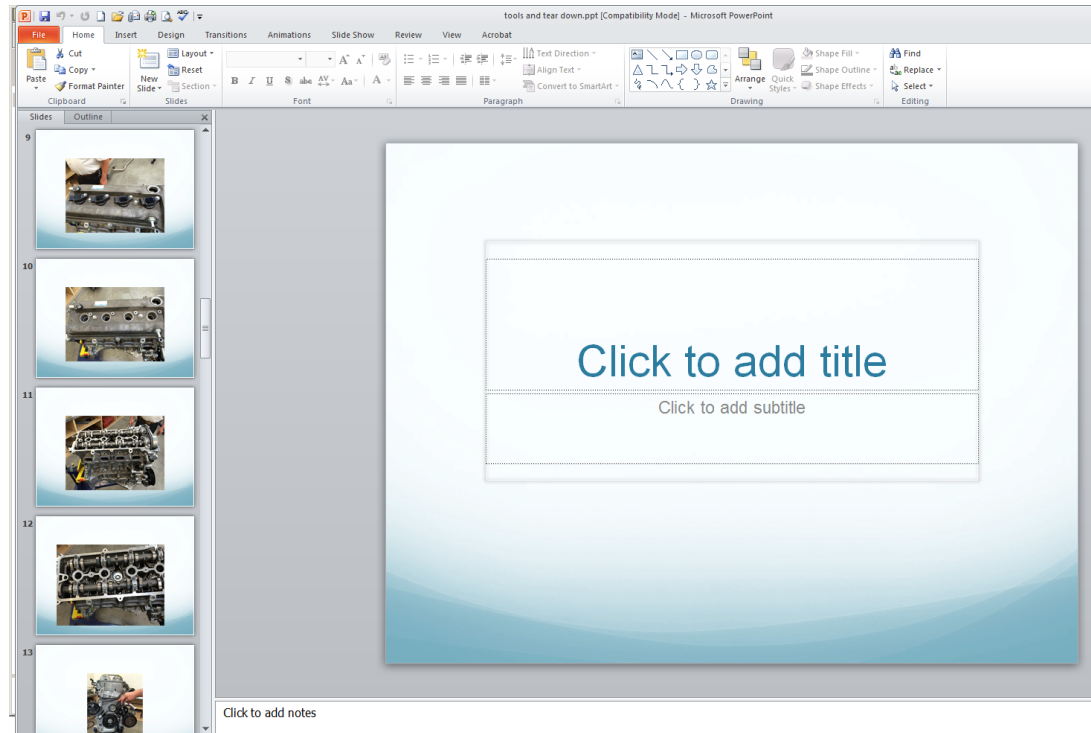
Short-Term Goals



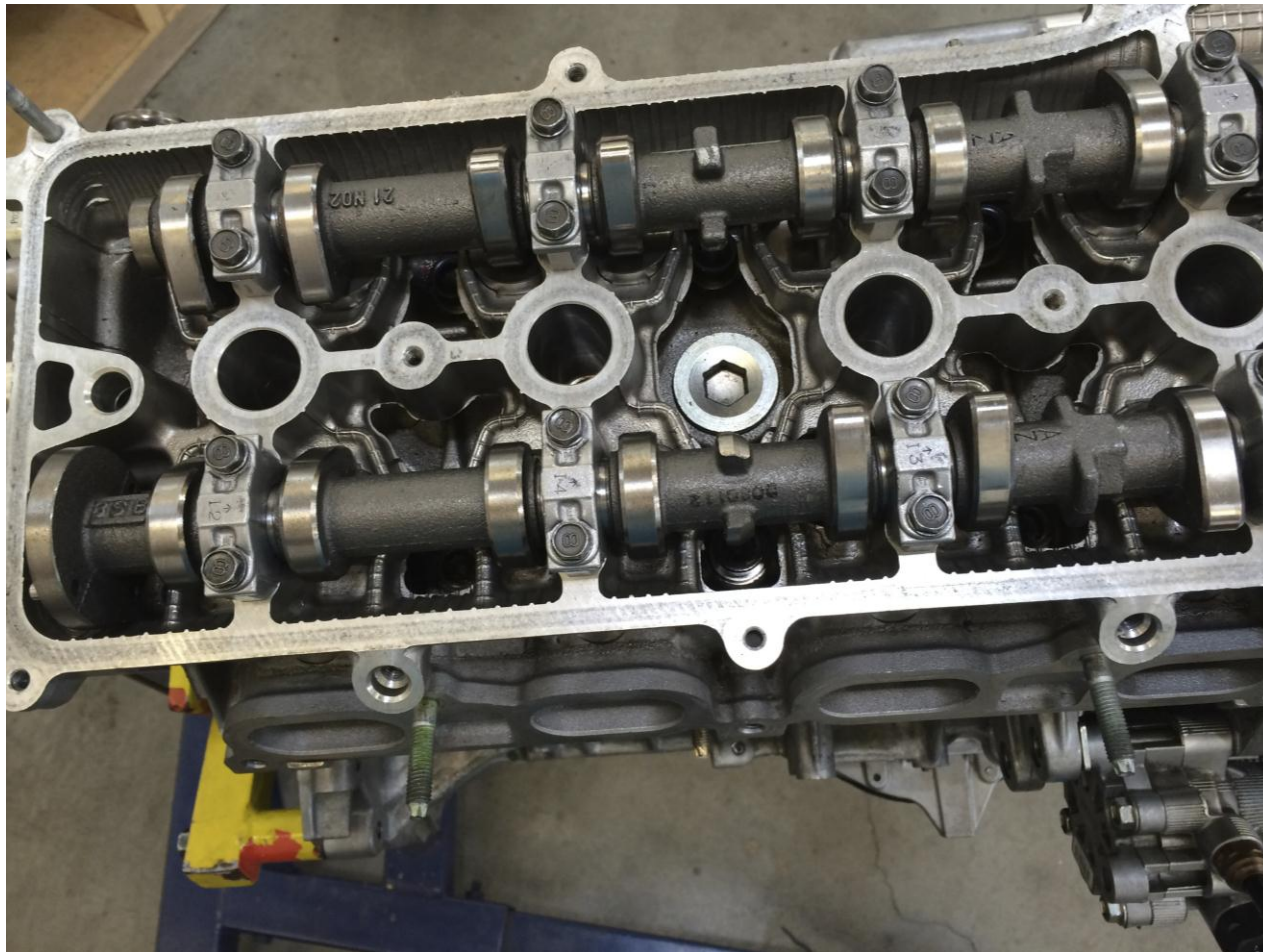
Reading on the Job



Extended Practice

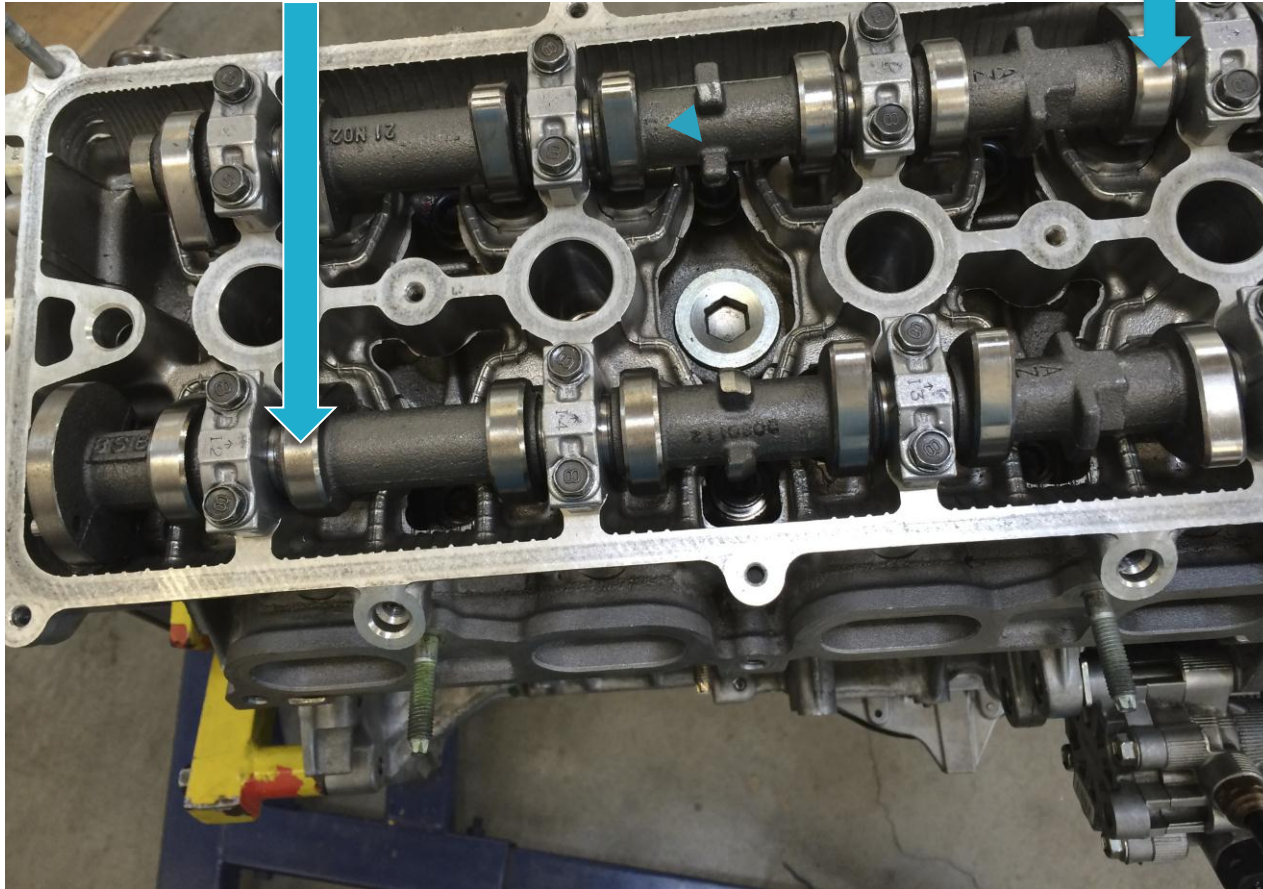


- ▶ Students added text to a PowerPoint presentation of photos



Camshafts

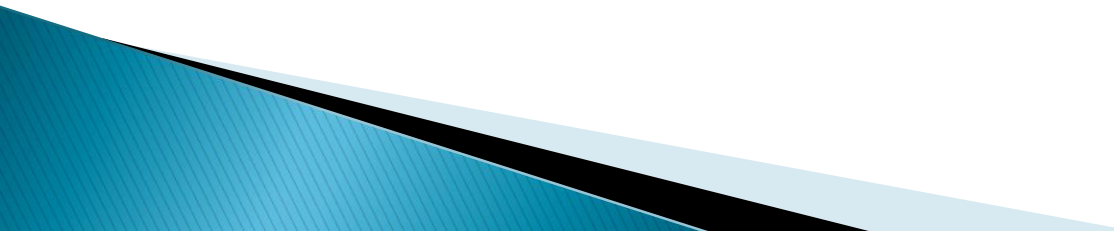
Camshaft Lobes



Assessment

- ▶ Pairs write – VESL instructor observes
- ▶ Pairs present their PowerPoints – the CTE instructor affirms and corrects

Project Outcomes

- ▶ Increase technical vocabulary
 - ▶ Involve less assertive students
 - ▶ Gains in computer skills
 - ▶ Foundational knowledge to apply to future courses
 - ▶ Supports long-term goal of college and career readiness
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Going Forward

- ▶ Continue to collect feedback from pilot group
 - ▶ Continue professional development for VESL instructor
 - ▶ Continue developing and refining curriculum based on lessons learned
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