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Jill Collen Retires from Northwest Iowa Community College

For the past 26 years, Jill Collen has been an Instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College. This veteran of the Arts & Science, Business and Health Division retired May 10, 2013.

Collen started her teaching career at the Lincoln East Junior/Senior High and Columbus Junior Highs in Nebraska. She also conducted national market research interviews, substitute taught and sold advertising for the *Grand Island Daily Independent* newspaper. After moving to Sheldon, Collen sold advertising for the *Sheldon Mail Sun* and *Review* newspapers.

In 1987 Collen was hired at NCC as the Area Planning Council Coordinator for Area IV. She completed a Master's Degree through Sioux Falls College in 1992 and in 2002 Collen started teaching transfer courses. Courses she taught included: Composition I and II, Foundations of Education, Educational Psychology, Curriculum and Instruction, Creative Writing, Interpersonal Communication, and Social Problems.

While at NCC, Collen had numerous professional recognitions including being named the Region 5 - American Technical Education Association Outstanding Technical Teacher in 1995 and the National American Technical Education Association Outstanding Technical Teacher of the Year in 1996 and being awarded a Laureate Citation by the Epsilon Pi Tau International Honorary for Professions in Technology in 2002.

Collen lives in Sheldon, Iowa with her husband, Steve. They have two children, Staff Sergeant Christopher Collen, in Manhattan, Kansas and Nicholas Collen and wife, Jaime, in Lincoln, Nebraska.