Michael Morsches has joined New River Community and Technical College as director of developmental education. He began his duties at New River on July 19.

Based in Beckley, W.Va., Morsches will be responsible for the overall coordination of the developmental education program at all New River campus locations. He also will advise students in the developmental studies program and will research, design and implement a plan to improve student retention and success.
Morsches holds a bachelor’s degree in Education from the University of Central Oklahoma and a master’s in education from the University of Akron. He most recently was chief operating officer for Opportunity Education, a non-profit organization based in Omaha, Neb. He previously served as associate dean in the Developmental Education Department at Chemeketa Community College in Oregon and director of developmental programs at the University of Akron.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeastern and south central West Virginia. Administrative offices are located in Beckley.

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