

Educational Opportunities

Spring 2010 Classes Seneca Highlands Area Vocational-Technical School

Over the summer, the Port Allegany Office of the Potter County Education Council moved from our downtown location to the Seneca Highlands Area Vocational Technical School. Unfortunately, many residents of the area don't know about this amazing educational asset that we have sitting right here in our backyard. The Vo-Tech offers programming for high school students in a variety of subject areas including: Advanced Office Practice, Automotive Mechanics, Building Construction Occupations, Computer Maintenance, Computer Networking, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Health Assistant, Heavy Equipment Occupations and Metal Working. These programs are taught in a state-of-the-art facility by professionals with real world experience.

Through this partnership, the Potter County Education Council will be helping to coordinate adult education and summer programming at the Vo-Tech, making this asset available to the general public. Many of these programs will be taught by faculty from the Vo-Tech; other programs will be taught by industry experts from the region using the Vo-Tech's equipment and facilities.

We hope that you take a look at our course offerings and find something that you think will help you advance in your current career, prepare to pursue a new career, start a business, or save some money. If you have ideas for programming, want to register, or just want to learn more about our future plans, please contact the Port Allegany office at (814) 545-1333.

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Natural Gas Programming

Core Curriculum – Anyone interested in pursuing a career in the Natural Gas Industry is strongly encouraged to attend this educational program. This program takes place over the course of one week and has been designed in partnership with natural gas companies from the region. Those who complete this program are guaranteed an interview with at least one natural gas company working in the region.

The cost for all three courses is \$650 per student.



Introduction to the Natural Gas Industry & Industry Expectations (16 hours)

This course is designed to provide participants with a basic overview of the oil and gas industry in Pennsylvania including: history, recent growth, and the process used to produce oil and gas. This course will also provide a brief synopsis of the typical hours, weather conditions, and travel expected of employees who work in this industry. One of the best ways to develop a basic understanding of an industry is to see how the work is actually done, so on day two of this workshop, we'll be conducting site visits to active sites. Over the course of this day, you may visit a drilling site to see the process and manpower needed to drill a well, you may get to see a well being fraced to release the gas or oil for harvesting; and you may get a chance to see a producing well, and an example of a field office.

Dates: April 12 & 13, 2010
Times: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Classroom B114

Understanding Employee Benefits (4 Hours)

Oftentimes, individuals only consider hourly rate, or annual salary when considering employment. This can be a very costly mistake for you and your family. Understanding employee benefits and considering these as you explore career opportunities can save you and your family thousands of dollars. This workshop will provide you with an understanding of health, dental, vision, and life insurance. It will also provide you with an overview of other types of benefits that you should be aware of including: retirement plans, personal protective equipment allowances, employee assistance plans, flex spending, and others.

Dates: April 14, 2010

Time: 8 a.m. – Noon

Location: Classroom B114

Safety for the Oil & Gas Industry (10 hours)

This program will give each participant a basic understanding of the life and safety issues related to the oil and gas industry. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to implement skills, techniques, and procedures to reduce the risk associated with these issues based on OSHA guidelines. Core topics include: confined space, rigging, hydrogen sulfide, lockout/tag-out, fall protection, hazardous communications, personal protective equipment, hearing conservation, emergency response, fire protection, welding safety, respiratory protection, and Terrorism Response Awareness Program (TRAP).

Dates/Time: April 15 ~ 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Location: Classroom B114

