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Success story of current Diesel Technology student

DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

Devin Gorney, an adult student in the daytime Diesel Technology Program at Forbes Road CTC, was offered a paid on-the-job opportunity with Point Spring and Driveshaft in Neville Township. Diesel Technology instructor, Rob Lydiard, referred Devin to Point Spring and Driveshaft for job shadowing after only two and a half months of training.

The employer was impressed with Devin’s knowledge and attitude and subsequently offered him paid work experience two days a week while still attending class at Forbes. Point Spring has purchased tools, a uniform, and other supplies for the student.

Devin decided to attend Forbes because he has always had an interest in cars and motor vehicles. He chose the Diesel Technology program at Forbes due in large part to Mr. Lydiard’s expertise and influence. After speaking to others

in the field, he realized that his instructor was a well respected member of the community. Devin received funding for the 2010-2011 tuition and supplies through the PA CareerLink.

Devin’ success illustrates how hard work *and* education will improve one’s opportunities for success.



Follow up with former students

Enrico Timothy, previous adult vocational student in the Computer Networking and Security Program is now employed by Youthtech in Murrysville. Enrico received his CompTIA A+ and Cisco CCNA certification during his training at Forbes Road CTC in the 2009-2010 program year. In March 2010, he was offered an in-

ternship at Youthtech and their sister company Ascent Systems. Enrico was then offered a permanent full time position working for Youthtech.

Enrico had not yet received his certification when he was hired as an intern. After receiving his certification, the company agreed to compen-

sate Enrico for his services during his on-the-job training. Enrico demonstrated excellence in his efforts and achievements while attending Forbes. He is a perfect example of how Forbes can be an ideal venue for individuals interested in re-training. Enrico is a May 2010 graduate of Forbes Road CTC. More on page 2.

COMPUTER NETWORKING & SECURITY

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median hourly wages of machinists were \$18.10 in May 2009. The middle 50 percent earned between \$14.27 and \$22.60. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$11.35, whereas the top 10 percent earned more than \$27.50.

Follow up with former students *continued*

MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY

Karl Belin completed the Machine Tool Technology Program in May 2010. The program course of study includes training in CNC, Auto CADD and blueprint reading.

Hamill Industries, a local manufacturing company in Murrsville, hired Karl before he graduated from the program.

Mr. Rhodes, the class instruc-

tor, referred Karl to the employer for an opportunity at paid on-the-job work experience while training at Forbes. Karl was eager to get into the field and met with Hamill in the spring of 2010. He started on-the-job training shortly after the meeting. Supervisors were impressed with his knowledge and education and offered him a position at the end of the

program year.

Karl began Hamill's machinist apprenticeship program for Pennsylvania State Journeyerson certification in June 2010.

Forbes will offer Machine Tool Technology to adults in the 2011-2012 school year as a daytime 900 hour program *and* an evening 300 hour program.

Evening Adult Cosmetology Program!

Forbes currently offers the Cosmetology Program to adults in conjunction with the daytime intergenerational class held Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 1:00PM. With increased interest in the program, administration has decided to offer a Cosmetology program specifically for adults

in the **evening** starting in fall 2011.

Candidates interested in the program have expressed support and are pleased with the decision. The days and hours have not yet been determined, but the training will most likely remain a two and half semester program. Cosmetology

students must complete 1250 hours of instruction in order to sit for the State Board Exam. The evening program is also Middle States accredited and approved for Title IV funding. Students can apply for financial aid to cover the cost of tuition and supplies.

NEW! Manicuring Program

Candidates interested in Nail Technician certification can register for the evening Manicuring Program at Forbes. Some local salons have inquired about the certification for their employees, which requires 200 hours of instruction to sit for the State Boards.

Local beauty academies charge between \$3,075 and \$6,900 for

training in nail design. Tuition for the manicuring program at Forbes is \$2,250.

Students in the program will learn the basics of manicuring and pedicuring, as well as advanced techniques and skills used in applying nail enhancements such as acrylic overlays, sculptured nails, nail wraps, and gel nails. Students will be

taught creative applications for nail art and airbrushing. The students are also taught the professional skills needed for interaction with clients.

Upon completion of the program students will be eligible to take the Pennsylvania State Board Exam.



Manicuring is now offered at Forbes Road CTC!

Marcellus Shale Training to be offered at Forbes Road CTC

Pennsylvania has become a target location for Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling within the past few years. The Marcellus Shale formation can be found beneath about 60 percent of Pennsylvania's total land mass, where it is buried to depths of up to 9,000 feet. Due to the increased interest and continuous need for skilled employees, there has been a demand for short term training in entry level positions. Forbes will be offering six-week Gas Well Tending with CDL training by summer 2011.

This program may help recently displaced or unemployed workers find a new career path in the natural gas industry. The training will be done during the day, Monday through Friday, 8AM-4PM. Graduates of the program can expect to find employment immediately after graduating, in addition to increasing their earning potential. With the starting wage for most positions being approximately \$14.00 an hour and a workweek between 50-60 hours a week, students can expect an above average in-

come after completing the course.

The local PA CareerLink is working with individuals who are out of work or underemployed. CareerLink provides funding to these individuals for training to re-enter the workforce in a position providing a life sustaining wage. The Gas Well Tending with CDL Training is an eligible program for this funding. To determine if you qualify, please contact one of the PA CareerLink offices listed at the bottom of the page.



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Certified Nurse Aide Training—NEW in Fall 2011!

Forbes is in the process of applying to become a state-approved nurse aide training provider. Positions in the healthcare field are in high demand right now. A nurse aide may help patients eat and bathe and are sometimes responsible for measuring their blood pressure and pulse. Many employers prefer

to hire trained nursing assistants. A nursing assistant certificate program is designed for students who would like formal training in the field. Students may study a variety of related topics, such as anatomy, body mechanics, cleanliness, nail care, grooming and bathing tasks and ambulation assistance. Clinical interaction with

patients is included in the curriculum of a nursing assistant certificate program

After completing the 120 hour program, students will be eligible to take the State Nurse Aide Examination for certification to become a Certified Nurse Assistant, CNA.

Prepare for the 2011-2012 school year

Are you planning on furthering your education or seeking training this year?

able at www.fafsa.ed.com. You may qualify for grants or low interest loans. Most of Forbes' daytime nine-month intergenerational programs are eligible for Title IV funding. Approved programs include Electrical Technology, Machine Tool Technology, and Computer Networking and Security!



Free Application for Federal Student Aid

If you are applying for federal student aid, you can start that process now. The 2011-2012 FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is avail-



If you are unemployed or underemployed, the PA CareerLink may be able to assist you with the cost to re-train in a high priority occupation. Forbes is an approved training provider for the PA CareerLink. Contact your local center today for more details.

Statistics in the 2010 PA Career Guide project
1,506 Nursing Aide positions opening per year. The PA average salary is \$26,290.

CareerLink Offices in Allegheny County

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Forbes Road CTC Mission Statement



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The mission of Forbes Road Career and Technology Center is to provide a quality educational program that enables all individuals to achieve their fullest potential in the pursuit of high skill employment and advanced education. Each student shall be equipped with the technical, academic, human relations, and life-long learning skills necessary to adapt in a changing economy and to compete in the global marketplace.

Upcoming activities at Forbes Road CTC



Tired of the winter weather and sitting indoors? Forbes might have the excuse you are looking for to get out of the house.

For the Ladies - Jewelry Design

An experienced jewelry designer will provide instruction on how to make earrings, bracelets, and necklaces out of beads and stones. The instructor will have samples on hand and provide the necessary tools. The starter kit is included in the cost of tuition.

For the Gentlemen— Auto Body Repair

This 35 hour course will provide instruction in the basic fundamentals of auto body repair. The topics include gas brazing, dent repair, body filling, feather edging, priming, sanding and refinishing. Includes 10 sessions.

Please call 412.373.8100 x253 for more information on these courses.

Other— State Safety Inspection Certification

This 12 hour course meets three times from 6 to 10PM. Dates: February 15-16-17, 2011
Cost: \$150

Call 412.373.8100 x223 for more information on State Safety Inspection Certification.