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## Educational Opportunity Centers Workshops

The Educational Opportunity Centers of Southwestern Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the Trust, will continue their workshop series for prospective adult students this fall. Upcoming workshops include:

- Financial Aid August 21 at 9:30 AM
- Careers August 21 at 2:00 PM
- Financial Aid September 11 at 9:30 AM
- Careers September 11 at 2:00 PM



Individual appointments with an Educational Opportunity Center counselor will be available on August 28 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and September 25 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

To make an appointment, contact the Educational Opportunity Center at (800) 378-6230 or the Trust at (724) 543-2599.

## Fall Lenape Adult Education Programs

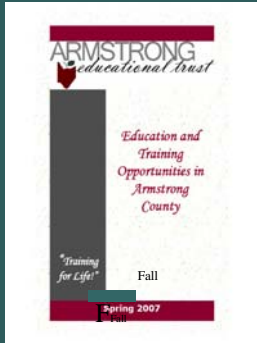
Several new and updated programs are offered through Lenape Adult Education for the fall.

**Real Estate Fundamentals** and **Real Estate Practice**, the two courses required to prepare for a career in real estate, will be offered for the first time. **Basic Italian I**, **Italian for Travelers**, and **Conversational Spanish** are new

offerings. **Quality Customer Service**, a course designed to optimize phone and customer service skills, is scheduled for its initial offering. Also new is **Medical Coding and Billing Specialty- OB/GYN**.

For more information on these and other courses, contact Lenape at (724) 763-7116 ext. 316 or [champagne@lenape.k12.pa.us](mailto:champagne@lenape.k12.pa.us) or contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599.

# New Education and Training Opportunities in Armstrong County Booklet



The Fall 2007 **Education and Training Opportunities in Armstrong County** booklet has been sent to all postal customers in the county.

The booklet includes information on courses, degrees, programs, and services

available for post-secondary education and training.

If you have not received a copy, please contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or [armeduded@alltel.net](mailto:armeduded@alltel.net).



## Penn State Courses and Programs



Penn State New Kensington has a number of programs scheduled at the Armstrong Education Center this fall.

Among the offerings, the **Certificate in Management**, a five course series which is designed to meet the needs of businesses and organizations, will be held from September to December.

The **Personal Care Home Administrator program** will be offered in October, and **Soldering** will be offered in two, two-day sessions.

For more information on these courses, contact Penn State at (724) 334-6053 or the Trust at (724) 543-2599.



## New I.U.P. Northpointe Programs

IUP at Northpointe is set to offer several new programs beginning this fall.

The **Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies** in collaboration with Clarion University, the **Bachelor's Degree in Marketing** in collaboration with Butler County

Community College, and the **Bachelor's Degree Completion in Nursing** (Licensed Practical Nurse to BSN) are all to be offered starting the fall semester.

For more information, contact IUP Northpointe at (800) 889-0872 or the Trust at (724) 543-2599.



# Work Readiness Program to Begin

**Work Certified**, a national work readiness certification program, is to be offered for the first time in the region beginning this August.

This program, which has been successful in meeting needs of employers and job seekers in Florida, Illinois, Texas, and several other states, prepares individuals for the work environment by mastery of 50 competencies in reading

comprehension, business math, business tools, pre-employment, business writing, general business knowledge, customer service, and job readiness.

For more information, contact the PA CareerLink Armstrong County at **(888) 573-5733**, Armstrong County Career T.R.A.C.K. at **(800) 841-1852**, or Armstrong Educational Trust at **(724) 543-2599**.



## Small Business Training



**Clarion University Small Business Development Center** will continue its workshop training programs, *First Step: Starting a Small Business* on Tuesdays at the Armstrong Education Center.

The next workshop is scheduled for September 11 at 9:00 AM. Also,

special workshops and training programs are offered at times to build on the skills needed to be successful in operating a small business.

For more information, contact the SBDC at **(877) 292-1843** or Armstrong Educational Trust at **(724) 543-2599**.



## Workforce Forum Update

The steering committee of the **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** is planning for connections between teachers or students and businesses.

Over the last month, businesses have indicated their willingness to host teachers and/or students for tours, job shadowing, production/process reviews, mentoring, or work experiences.

Employers such as banks, manufacturers, health care providers, and information technology firms have expressed interest in hosting educators and students to help bridge the gaps between education and business. During the fall, the steering committee plans to help make these connections occur.

For more information, contact the Trust at **(724) 543-2599** or [davidaet@alltel.net](mailto:davidaet@alltel.net).



# PLATO Web Learning Meets Needs



Armstrong Educational Trust is continuing to offer the **PLATO Web Learning** courseware in collaboration with the PA State System of Higher Education Foundation, Inc.

Learners can access the website and curriculum from anywhere with a personal computer with Internet access that meets system and configuration requirements. For those Armstrong County residents

without computer access, computers are available at the Trust.

Some of the courses offered are GED Preparation, Data Skills, Life and Job Skills, Quality Fundamentals, Social Studies, Communication, Vocabulary, Science (Physics, Chemistry, etc.), Math (Geometry, Trigonometry, Algebra, Applied Math, etc.), and Writing.

For more information, contact the Trust at **(724) 543-2599**.



## ARMTech Showcase

At the annual **ARMTech Showcase** on August 16 at the Belmont Complex, the public will learn more about opportunities available in the area.

Among the exhibitors will be the Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium, the Tri-County Technology Consortium, and the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board and PA CareerLink Armstrong County. Also on hand will be a number of the Trust's educational partners such as

Lenape Adult Education, Allegheny Valley Institute of Technology, IUP Northpointe, and Penn State New Kensington.

Exhibitors will have information displayed on typical positions available at their companies and the education and skills necessary to prepare for these positions.

For more information, contact the Trust at **(724) 543-2599**.



## Industry Cluster Consortia

The three industry cluster consortia which meet at the Armstrong Education Center are determining their future plans through strategic planning and other processes this summer. The **Tri-County Technology Consortia** has begun its strategic planning process by collecting feedback from members and resource partners; a planning session will be held in early August. The **Armstrong County Health Care Consortium**, along with its counter-

parts in Butler and Indiana Counties, will hold a strategic planning session later the same week. The **Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium** chair participated in a planning session with the chairs of the Butler County and Indiana County Manufacturing Consortia late in July.

For more information on any of these industry cluster consortia, contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or [dauidaet@alltel.net](mailto:dauidaet@alltel.net).



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## **AET Mission Statement**

**The Armstrong Educational Trust brings post-secondary education and training opportunities to Armstrong County and surrounding areas.**

**To accomplish this we:**

- Survey education and training needs.
- Convene educational providers to identify programs that meet those needs.
- Provide instructional facilities and a computer lab.
- Provide financial aid and career counseling to adults.
- Market provider program offerings.