



New Entry Level Worker Training Program

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Armstrong Educational Trust is partnering with *Pennsylvania CareerLink* and *Career T.R.A.C.K.* through the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. to offer **Work Certified**, a national work readiness program. The arrangements for the program were made through the support of the Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium in conjunction with the Armstrong County Health Care Consortium.

The **Work Certified** program is designed to help participants earn the

credentials employers want and gain a competitive edge in the job market. The program enhances participants' ability to get and keep a job as well as move up the career ladder to success.

Employers in our area will soon place ads for positions with the line, "Work Certified preferred." The certification earned in the program will meet this employer preference.

For more information, contact **PA CareerLink Armstrong County** at (724) 548-5693.



Act 48 Workshops for Educators at the Environmental Learning Center

June 19-20 – Watershed Education: This course will introduce and train teachers in the Pennsylvania State Park's *Watershed Education*, a statewide, comprehensive, watershed-based program for grades 6-12. The workshop will be 15 hours. *Sponsored by PA DCNR.*

June 21-22 – Pennsylvania Amphibians & Reptiles Educator Workshop: Participants in these 10-15 hour workshops will receive a copy of the new curriculum guide: *Pennsylvania Amphibians and Reptiles.* *Sponsored by PA Fish and Boat Commission.*



For more information or to register, contact the Environmental Learning Center at (724) 763-6316 or elcaet@alltel.net

Tri-County Technology Consortium Hosts Business After Hours



The **Tri-County Technology Consortium**, an alliance of technology and communication services organizations in Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana counties, will host a business after hours session on **Thursday, June 21** from 5:00-7:00 PM at the PA CareerLink Armstrong County. Officers and members of the consortium will greet visitors and discuss future plans for the group.

New member companies and information technology coordinators from non-technology firms are welcome to join as members and associate members.

For more information, contact Lori Harvey at Tri-County Workforce Investment Board at (724) 282-9341 or lharvey@tcwib.net. You may also contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.

Manufacturing Consortium Brings in Speakers/ Showcases Successes



In May and June, the **Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium** meetings included speakers on Lean Manufacturing and state programs for manufacturers. The June meeting was highlighted by a visit from the state's manufacturing ombudsman, Tom Palisin.

preferred vendors, establishing a support structure, and preparing for manufacturing's future. Assisting Vickie in the presentation was Marie Dillon-Griffith, PA CareerLink Armstrong County site administrator, Mary Salony, Tri-County Workforce Investment Board director of education, and David English from the Trust.

At the **PA Partners Conference** in Hershey held in May, Vickie DeThomas, president of the consortium, spoke on the partnerships formed with the Trust, CareerLink, the Workforce Investment Board, and others to lead to the success of the group in accessing funding, arranging for

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Summer Lenape Adult Education Classes at the Armstrong Education Center

A number of summer classes are planned by Lenape Adult Education. These courses will be held at the Trust's facility, the Armstrong Education Center.

CLASS	DATE	TIME	COST
Elementary PC Basics	Tues. & Thurs., June 5—June 7	6:00-8:30 pm	\$49.00
Intro to Microsoft 2003	Mon. & Wed., June 11—June 25	6:00-8:30 pm	\$99.00 Text included
Microsoft Excel I	Mon. & Wed., July 9—July 23	6:00-8:30 pm	\$99.00 Text incl. to be used for Excel I & II
Microsoft Excel II	Wed. & Mon., Aug. 1—Aug. 13	6:00-8:30 pm	\$69.00 Add \$69.00 to registration fee if text is needed
Microsoft Word I	Tues. & Thurs., July 10—24	6:00-8:30 pm	\$99.00 Text incl. to be used for Word I and Word II
Microsoft Word II	Tues. & Thurs., July 31—Aug. 14	6:00-8:30 pm	\$69.00 Add \$69.00 to registration if text is needed
Hatha Yoga	Tuesday, June 19—31	6:00-7:30 pm	\$55.00 Wear comfortable, loose clothing and bring a mat.
To register, contact Lenape at (724) 763-7116, extension 316 or champagne@lenape.k12.pa.us			

Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence Update

The Steering Committee of the **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** will be meeting in early June to plan for the forum budget and activities in 2007-2008.

Representatives of the nine industry clusters identified by Pennsylvania

as integral to the state's economic vitality are invited to join the committee in determining short and long-term goals and activities for the forum.

For more information on the forum, contact the Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.

Programs at Indiana University of Pennsylvania Northpointe Campus



Students come from many different backgrounds. The students can be described as falling on a continuum from younger students right out of undergraduate programs to more experienced students with many years of professional practice. Students from all age groups benefit from the ideas, experiences, and views of their fellow students. In addition to students representing many different races and ethnic groups, we also have a good representation of international students. We believe that the mix of so many different kinds of people provides a rich experience for both the faculty and the students and enhances the educational process for all.



The **Master's in Education Program** is designed to be user-friendly and to recruit a new population of educators and graduates of undergraduate programs holding a first teacher certification.

The program emphasizes teaching and learning and provides a necessary emphasis on integrated learning and instructional technology.

Within this program, graduate students will have an opportunity to participate in various

modes of teaching, learning, individualized and independent research, and evaluation throughout a two-year period.

Attendance at a Program Information Session at either the Armstrong or the Monroeville location is required prior to admission. Students who successfully complete the M.Ed. program may apply for the **Principal's Certification Program**, but are still required to meet that program's other requirements.

The Master of Arts in Adult Education and Communications Technology: Adult and community education is an applied science based on an interdisciplinary approach. Elements from a broad array of disciplines, such as psychology, sociology, management, education, and communications, are brought to bear on the issues of helping adults learn.

Adult education, broadly defined, is a field of theory and practice dedicated to helping adults learn.

Adult learning takes place in a wide variety of arenas, including higher education, basic and literacy education, health care and patient education, business and industry, government, community and social agencies, corrections facilities, and religious institutions.

Communications technology is the application of current and emerging technologies to support and enhance the educational process. Examples of technologies addressed in the curriculum include computer-based instruction; the internet; distance education technologies, including the use of computers and audio and video conferencing; and video and slide production.

For more information on these programs, contact IUP Northpointe at 1-800 889 0872 or northpointe-campus@iup.edu

Health Care Consortium Honors Workers, Holds Training

The **Armstrong County Health Care Consortium** held its annual health care workers recognition luncheon on May 7 at Lenape Heights.

Twenty-seven health care workers from all arenas of health care received awards at the program. A special training program on

dementia care was held on May 31 at ACMH for health care providers.

For more information on the consortium, contact Grace Thachik at the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board at **(724) 471-7249** or gthachik@careertrack.org or the Trust at **(724) 543-2599** or davidaet@alltel.net.



Small Business Development Center Programs



Clarion University Small Business Development Center continues its **First Step: Starting a Small Business** program for individuals interested in starting their own business.

Workshops are held on Tuesdays at the Armstrong Education Center.

For more information or to register, call **(877) 292-1843**.



Educational Links

www.pheaa.org

This is one of the first stops PA residents should make. This site offers information on the PA State Grant Program, PA loan forgiveness programs, and other PA award programs.

NewChoices/New Options Career Development Services 1-800-830-3248 Career & Personal Development **FREE** Course, Provides career assessments & job search strategies, communication and goal-setting skills, interview preparation.

www.furtheryoureducation.org

Developed to help guide non-traditional students through the transfer process from a community college or 2-year school to a 4-year school.

www.careerkey.org

Match your skills with possible careers

www.pavcc.org/index.shtml

PA Virtual Community College

www.chc.hcwp.org

Explore health care careers

www.acinet.org

Learn about fast growing jobs

www.stats.bls.gov/home.htm

Information about careers

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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.

