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WITC to highlight program growth at open house events

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College wants to help its students make the most of the future. By offering more than 50 smart career options, WITC prepares its graduates for a future of employability.

Attend an open house at one of WITC’s four campuses to learn more about career-focused education.

- WITC-Ashland will host its open house April 21 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- WITC-New Richmond will host its open house April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- WITC-Rice Lake will host its open house April 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- WITC-Superior will host its open house April 22 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Guests are invited to tour the campus, talk to an instructor, learn about financial aid and find out how easy it is to apply. While at the open house, be sure to check out the new and expanded offerings for fall 2009, including accounting, accounting assistant, marketing, and IT-web programmer/analyst, which are now offered completely online.

Previously offered as a two-year program, the Marine Repair Technician program has been revised as a three-semester technical diploma. This program is unique in the state and is a member of the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) and the Association of Marine Technicians (AMTECH).

In cooperation with Lakeshore Technical College, WITC has added a two-year associate degree Judicial Reporting program to its fall 2009 catalog. Employment opportunities are expected to be excellent as the demand for court reporting services will be spurred by the continuing need for accurate transcription of proceedings in court and pretrial depositions.

A new, one-year Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic program offers a combination of classroom/ITV lectures, practical skills labs, laboratory simulations and clinical experiences.

Available at WITC-Ashland, Early Childhood Education is as a collaborative evening offering with WITC-Superior. Information sessions will take place at 5:15 p.m. during the open houses at those campuses.

WITC also offers a variety of short-term certificates for learning new skills or upgrading existing skills.
The Renewable Electricity Certificate will begin in August 2009 at the Ashland Campus. "Sustainability is really becoming the norm," according to Ted May, WITC Academic Dean of General Studies, Renewable Energy and Sustainability Program Developer. "As resources become more limited, business and industry are seeking more sustainable options. We hope to be at the forefront, providing the necessary education and skill-development to meet those needs."

New certificate offerings include Professional Inclusion Credential, which expands Early Childhood Educators’ knowledge in special education to help meet the needs of children and families. A Barber/Cosmetologist instructor certificate prepares students to become a licensed instructor. A Medical Claims Examiner/ Billing Specialist Certificate is offered at WITC-Ashland and Superior, and a Business Graphics certificate, now offered at all four campuses.

WITC serves the educational and career needs of more than 28,000 residents of Northwestern Wisconsin each year. With multiple campuses, WITC offers career-focused associate degree programs, technical diplomas, short-term certificates, customized training, and a wide array of courses for personal or career enrichment. WITC is a member of Wisconsin Technical College System. For more information, call 800.243.WITC or visit www.witc.edu.