

Career Tech Matters

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The success of one of our newer Pickaway County satellite programs has led to the implementation of the program in Ross County, starting in the 2015-16 school year.



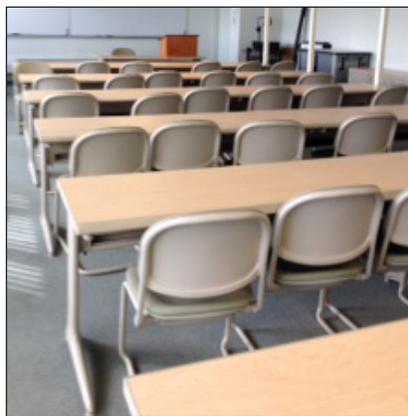
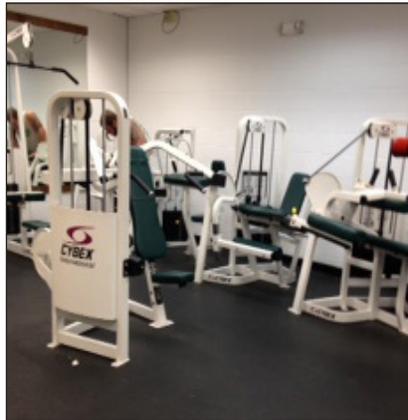
Sports Medicine Technologies was introduced to Pickaway County students two years ago. The first class consisted of eight juniors. This year's junior class has 20 students.

That growth hasn't gone unnoticed. Also apparent was interest in the class by Ross County students.

As with all of our satellite programs, a big first step in offering one is having a place to hold it. To that end, Linda Trimmer, supervisor of Off-Campus Programs, worked with Dean Martin Tuck of Ohio University – Chillicothe.

Through a partnership with the university, students will take their program classes at OUC's Shoemaker Center in the morning and attend their Ross County home school in the afternoon for their academic classes.

Jada Truex, instructor of the Pickaway County program, is happy that her program's success was the impetus for offering the program in Ross County.

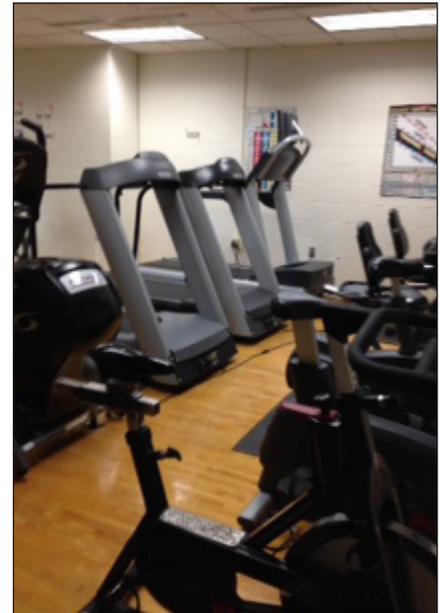


The opportunities that await students who complete the program are varied, Truex said, and she's glad that Ross County students will be able to take advantage of the program.

The Ross County program is one of two new satellite programs that will start in the fall.

During visits with prospective students and in community surveys, a Vet Tech program has been requested often.

Starting in the fall, Pickaway County students will be able to enroll in Veterinary Technology, to be offered through a partner-



Students will use Ohio University – Chillicothe's Shoemaker Center for the Sport Medicine Technologies program, taking advantage of a classroom setting and an array of fitness equipment.

ship with the Pickaway County Educational Service Center.

The Vet Tech program will be held at the ESC's annex in Circleville and students will attend their home school for their academic classes.

Linda is interviewing instructor candidates for the new programs with plans that the two finalists will receive board approval at the February meeting.

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