

# Career Tech Matters

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The student literally became the teacher for Leah Dyke, who is teaching Adult Education Phlebotomy and EKG courses.



“I love teaching. I’ve always wanted to teach adults and I knew that’s where I wanted to be someday. I honestly thought it would be for something more in the artistic field and never dreamed it would be medical. With what I’ve learned and the experiences I’ve had, I’m not disappointed at all.”

Leah was a Medical Assisting student and when she graduated in 2014, she was encouraged to apply for a teaching position.

In fact, she is extremely proud of her work with her students in the Adult Diploma Program.



She started her teaching career as the Medical Assisting and Medical Billing instructor but is now the lead instructor and practicum coordinator for the Phlebotomy and EKG programs. In addition, she teaches classes in the Adult Diploma Program and the Senior Credential program.

“That class truly changed my life. I have never met a group of more determined (students) who wanted nothing more than prove to themselves and to the world that they could be successful and that they were worth it.

Leah came to the teaching profession in a round-about way, earning a bachelor’s degree in theater management and set design with a minor in art/painting.

“They spent years downing themselves, saying ‘I hate school’ or ‘I’m not smart enough to learn.’ Several weeks later seven of the eight graduated and have become highly successful. A few of them even chose to go on to higher education. I couldn’t have been more proud.”

Before joining Pickaway-Ross, Leah worked at Ohio University, has been a substitute teacher, an administrative assistant and worked in retail for a decade.

While teaching keeps her busy, she hasn’t abandoned her artistic side: In her spare time she is a costume designer and her work has been featured in magazines, newspapers and online.

But now that she’s at Pickaway-Ross, she couldn’t be happier.

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Leah Dyke’s job keeps her moving. At right, she helps a Phlebotomy student with infant CPR in the class that meets at Industrial Drive and, far right, she guides a student on how to draw blood at Mound Street. Phlebotomy is one of the Senior Credential courses.

