

Career Tech Matters

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Showing off Pickaway-Ross is the best way to illustrate to people what we do here and what prospective students can do. It makes sense for visitors to see and – when possible – experience the hands-on component of a career center.



“It’s still small enough that we are able to provide individualized attention and answers to visitors about programs,” Carrie said.

In addition to program information, prospective students can learn about financial aid options and register to win a tuition discount.

For the past four years, Adult Education has been hosting an Open House at the main campus to do just that.

It’s all hands on deck for the event, as everyone in Adult Education has a role, from welcoming visitors to providing information to giving tours.

Carrie Fife, Adult Education director, said a goal of the event is to showcase the programs and people.



Connie Kiser talks with prospective students about programs in Medical Careers and Massage Therapy.

The event takes a lot of planning and effort by her staff, but Carrie said the evening is very enjoyable and she’s proud of her department.

“We wanted people to see our classes in action,” Carrie said, “and to see the quality of our instructors and the type of hands-on experiences our students receive.”

“I like seeing our instructors and students proudly explaining their programs and curricula to prospective students,” she said. “And staff members enjoy getting to show visitors around our classrooms and labs.”

While still in its infancy, Carrie is pleased with the growth that is steadily occurring.

“It’s a fun night.”

For the first event in 2012, about 25 people turned out. At this week’s Open House, held Wednesday, nearly twice as many attended.

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FAR LEFT: Visitors were able to learn about financial aid from Anthony Southworth.



LEFT: Van Henry, who teaches the Adult Education Electrical program, tells a prospective student what he can expect to do and learn in the class.