

Career Tech Matters

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The new year will bring significant changes to Pickaway-Ross Adult Education and to the Crouse Chapel Road campus.



In January, Adult Education staff members will move to the career center's new campus at 1410 Industrial Drive, which will become the main location for Adult Education programs.

Carrie Fife, Adult Education director, said the new Chillicothe campus – roughly 22,000 square feet – will provide necessary space for Adult Education program growth.

“Between our current programs, plans for program expansion and the success of the Adult Diploma Program that we oversee for the Southeast region, we need space,” she said.

Adult Education programs that share Pickaway-Ross' high school labs, such as Electrical and Welding, will continue to meet at the Crouse Chapel Road campus. Programs in health care and public safety will be held at the Chillicothe campus. The Business & Industry consultants will also be housed at the new campus.

Pickaway-Ross' Circleville campus will continue to offer programs in health care and will offer public safety classes.

The new Chillicothe campus will also be the site for new senior-only programs for high school students starting with the 2016-2017 school year.

Jamie Nash, director of Secondary Education, said many students not enrolled in a two-year career program at Pickaway-Ross could benefit from senior-only programming based on industry credentials.



Adult Education staff members will move into our new building off State Route 104 in mid-January.

A health-care academy that would provide programs in medical assisting, certified coding, phlebotomy and STNA, for example, and the OSHA 30-hour certification for industrial trades would give students with only a half-day of classes at their high school a valuable industry credential.

“These credentials can help students get a job right out of high school or while going to college,” Jamie said.

Secondary Education will also get a boost thanks to the new Chillicothe campus.

With Adult Education staff members moving to the new campus, those of us in the District office will relocate to Adult Education's former space and those in the Director's Complex and the Off-Campus Programming staff will move to the front entrance area.

The space that had been occupied by Secondary offices will become additional classroom space, allowing for growth in academic and career-development programs.

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