

WHAT'S UP IN ADULT EDUCATION

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Adult Ed is excited to introduce our new GTCC President.

Welcome Dr. Clarke!

Adult Ed is excited to introduce two new full-time employees:

Eduardo Garcia is serving on the High Point Campus as ESOL Coordinator. He holds a Master's degree in Spanish and a Bachelor's degree in TESOL. Garcia has 18 years of experience as the Coordinator of the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, North Carolina as well as a number of years of experience teaching ESOL.

Cathy Jordan is our new Adult Ed Specialist on the Greensboro campus. She has extensive administrative experience and most recently served for 15 years as an Administrative Assistant in the Academic & Career Readiness Department at Alamance Community College in Haw River, North Carolina. Jordan's focus will be the effective operation of the administrative functions of the Adult Education Program including administrative and technical support to the Dean of Adult Education.

SPECIAL EVENT SERIES

GTCC Wendover Adult Education, GTCC Library Services, and the GTCC Wendover Leadership Team have collaborated to provide a forum series on the multicultural experience of living in the United States. The series is primarily targeted for ESOL students, but all members of the GTCC community are welcome. Most of the sessions are the last Thursday of the month from 10:15 – 11:15 in the AEC 161. Speakers so far this semester have included Dr. Lorena Guillen from UNCG's Music Department and Ms. Kung Vsor from the Center for New North Carolinians.

Of special interest to all of Adult Ed is the November event in the series: a **community resource fair!** The purpose of this event is to make adult education students aware of resource agencies in the community and aware of GTCC support services and educational opportunities beyond Adult Education.

The fair will be held **Thursday 11/21 from 10:15-12:15 in the roundtable area of the Greensboro Campus Center (GCC)**. There will be a drawing for some prizes supplied by the **GTCC Bookstore**. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Community Agencies Attending Fair:

Guilford County Immigrant Services
Faith Action House International
Center for New North Carolinians
Church World Service
Reading Connections Greensboro
Partnership for Children of Guilford County
Language Resources
Women's Resource Center
Guilford County Health Services
NC Works

GTCC Offices Attending Fair:

Student Success Center
Counseling and DisAbility Services
Student Support Services
Continuing Education
Occupational Training
TitanLink
Registration
Aviation
Welding, Machining, Mechatronics
HVAC

“HANDS-ON” CAREER SESSIONS

The Adult Education Greensboro classes recently hosted some “Hands-On Career Sessions.” Career information and hands on learning sessions were held on Culinary and Nursing careers based on surveyed student career interests and goals.

During the sessions, presenters shared the requirements for each profession including power-point presentations, vocabulary and an activity for the students to get some hands-on experience.

During the Culinary session, students learned how to prepare rice pilaf from Chef Danielle Anderson, GTCC Culinary Instructor and graduate of GTCC.

GED FAST TRACK

Do you have a student you feel is GED Ready, who is scoring in the range of 550 in Reading and 557 in Math on TABE 11/12? They might be the perfect candidate for our new GED Fast Track class!

The first GED Fast Track class was offered on the Greensboro campus from August – October 2019. GED Fast Track is a robust 8 week class that meets from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday - Friday. There are four areas of study including Reading, Science, Social Studies and Math. During this class, all students will take practice and official GED tests in all four areas. All students enrolled in the inaugural class who attended regularly graduated with their GED.

The goal of this program is to have students complete their GED in 8 weeks and continue moving forward to different areas of the college including Aviation, Certified Nurse Aide, Apartment Maintenance Technician, DSS Income Maintenance Caseworker, Global Logistics, Welding and others.

A second GED Fast Track class is planned for January 13 – March 6, 2020 on the Greensboro campus. Please contact Brett Mock bdmock@gtcc.edu or Robin Pugh rpugh@gtcc.edu if you have a student you believe would be a good candidate for this program!

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to Noor Alsamraai! Noor is the ABE/ASE Program Assistant for the Adult Education Program at GTCC on the High Point Campus. Alsamraai started as an ESOL student, and eventually became a part-time and now a full-time employee in Adult Education. Alsamraai successfully defended her thesis in October of this year and received her Master’s in Adult Education from North Carolina A & T State University. Her thesis focused on “Literacy and Educational Development Programs for Arab Refugee Women in the Piedmont Area of North Carolina.” Noor also recently became a US citizen.

CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD WINNERS

Anthony Banks, ASE Coordinator, and Leeann Anderson, ESOL Director, were both presented with the Presidential Award at the GTCC Convocation in August of 2019 for their outstanding work.

FAREWELL AVP BERGMAN

Associate Vice-President Martha Bergman will be retiring at the end of December. Bergman has served for 6 years at GTCC, first as the Dean of Adult Education, and most recently as the AVP for Corporate and Continuing Education. Mrs. Bergman was recognized with the Presidential Award and as the Staff Person of the Year during her tenure at GTCC, and has been a wonderful advocate for students, faculty, staff, and for the college in general. She will be missed by many at the college, but we wish her well in her retirement!