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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Adult Ed is excited to introduce a new full-time employee at GTCC. DeAngela Carter, better known as Angie, is the new Education Navigator for Food Nutrition Services Employment & Training (FNS E&T). She comes to us with 16 years of experience connecting resources to students and families in the Triad area with a focus in school-to-career transition. She will advise eligible students in developing a plan for a career pathway in curriculum or continuing education, identifying goals and removing barriers to education and employment.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – ADULT ED CLASSES MEETING ONLINE!

All students who were enrolled in our program during the Spring 2020 semester have the option to continue their studies online. Please visit the college’s Coronavirus page https://www.gtcc.edu/coronavirus.php for the latest updates or to complete our class information request form to move your classes online or to request information about starting our face-to-face classes when the college resumes those.

In meantime, we urge you to wash your hands frequently (scrub your entire hands and wrists well with soap for at least 20 seconds) and to limit your activities outside your home. For example, limit outings to a once a week trip to the grocery store and walks outside with family. If you must interact with people outside of your family, keep a distance of at least six feet. Many public places are closing, but grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open. Most people who contract Coronavirus will recover, but some develop serious complications and require hospitalization. Please stay safe and continue your studies online!
MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

On December 4, 2015, the NC State Board of Community Colleges approved the Multiple Pathways to High School Equivalency (MPHSE) program. This program offers an alternative for earning a traditional high school equivalency diploma by allowing a combination of traditional high school courses, adult high school courses, high school equivalency assessments (GED, TASC, and Hi-SET test scores can be combined), standardized tests or college courses to document student achievement in the required content areas rather than by using a single path to completion. The end goal is to help students advance in careers or to grant entry to postsecondary education.

Through MPHSE, students are required to demonstrate high school level competencies in five content areas (English Language Arts / Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Technology). Similarly to when a student earns a traditional high school equivalency diploma, once all MPHSE requirements have been satisfactorily completed, a high school equivalency diploma will be awarded through the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges.

Five community colleges were selected to become pilot schools for the MPHSE program. GTCC was selected as one of those schools. To date, there are 4 MPHSE graduates in the state, and the staff at GTCC are very proud to announce our first graduate, Dana Fewell. Dana completed her MPHSE requirements on February 24, 2020.

If you or someone you know might be a good candidate for MPHSE, contact Zeledith Blakely, Associate Dean of Adult Education at (336) 334-4822 ext. 55017.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The GTCC Family is mourning the recent loss of a beloved student and extraordinary instructor.

Brannon A. Tyson

18 year old Brannon Tyson passed away January 20. Fellow students, instructors, and staff were saddened by the sudden loss. He attended class with Ms. McCombs. Brannon was a polite and respectful young man that will be remembered for his kind spirit.

Darryl R. Jackson

The college is mourning the loss of long time instructor Darryl Jackson. Mr. Jackson joined the GTCC family in September of 2003 as a part time instructor, became full time in 2011, and served in many different areas of Adult Education until August of 2018. He passed away on February 14, 2020. He was an extraordinary man and will be truly missed by students, instructors and staff.
STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Kone Ibourahima

Although ESOL Instructor Creusa Gaines has many students who appreciate the value of learning, there is one that stands out. Kone is from Ivory Coast where he was involved in a terrible car accident that almost took his life away. Luckily he survived. His left arm was very damaged, so he came to the USA to go through several surgeries.

He didn't know any English when he came to GTCC in January 2019. Kone speaks four languages and is working very hard to learn English. Kone has accomplished so much since his first day at GTCC. He had a Level Gain on an ESOL test, got his Learner’s Permit, and in December 2019, he got his first Driver’s License. Now he drives himself to school and around the city. On January 21, 2020, Kone earned GTCC’s NSC Lift Truck Operator Training Certificate. He is now searching for his first job.

Kone is more confident and comfortable to go to his doctor’s appointments and conduct daily activities without translators. He has been a wonderful inspiration to others in his class. All these achievements would not be possible if Kone didn't have the wonderful support of his brother Kame and family in Greensboro.

Rabila Mohamed

We always encourage our students to take full advantage of GTCC resources as they work toward their educational goals. However, one ESOL student in particular has truly "reached for the stars." Her name is Rabila Mohamed and she comes from Niger, a country located in the western part of the continent of Africa.

She joined the Adult Education Program on the Greensboro campus in 2018. Rabila's first language is French, so she spent some time learning English reading, grammar, writing, listening, and speaking skills. After entering the Advanced Plus ESOL class, Rabila decided to obtain her GED, which she completed in August 2019. After that taste of success, Rabila began to research Continuing Education programs that would help prepare her for her long-term goal of becoming a registered nurse. Working jointly with both GTCC and NC Works professionals, Rabila completed GTCC’s Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program and passed her state board exams in January 2020. Not content with only one certification, she then enrolled in a 4-night per week phlebotomy course in February while still attending morning ESOL classes to enhance her English skills. She also continued her afternoon practice of studying in the Learning Resource Center.
In late January, Rabila decided that she could make better use of her weekends by finding a CNA position to gain practical work experience. By early February, she had located a position at Carelink Solutions and began working full 10-hour shifts. Her ESOL instructor, Karen Forster, is thrilled with Rabila's dedication to learning and her strong desire to reach her career goals. "Rabila's energy seems boundless. She never rests on her laurels but constantly looks for ways to challenge herself." Later this year, Rabila plans to enter the GTCC curriculum program in nursing. To that end, she has already begun to study for her college placement tests. All of us in the Adult Education Program wish this amazing woman all the best on her educational journey.