There are changes on the way for new and returning students as pre-registration begins at McDowell Technical Community College. The college is accepting applications for its 2009-2010 fall-term classes in early October. Tuition rates will remain the same, as set by the NC State Legislature.

MCCT students are encouraged to pre-register seven days in advance of the first day of classes in conjunction with the college's theme of trustees in early October. Tuition rates will remain the same, as set by the NC State Legislature.

MCCT Trustees approved the new course schedule during its meeting last Thursday, which increases the number of credit hours available to students. The new course schedule includes classes in business, IT, education, and the arts.

The Student Government Association initiated the request for a change in the credit hour policy to provide students with more flexibility in their class schedules. The Student Government Association also envisions the new policy allowing students to complete their degree requirements in a shorter period of time.

Board Adopts Fee Changes

You may raise your voice and make a difference. Our instructors foster success, motivate, and inspire members of our community to success.

Stay in school. Don’t let anything stop you from doing something that you love. Don’t let anything stop you from finding out the possibilities that you have in life. Don’t let anything stop you from pursuing your goals.

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**Phi Theta Kappa Holds Fall 2008 Induction**

The McDowell Technical Community College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Beta Zeta Lambd, held its fall induction on November 3, 2008. Twenty-three honor students were inducted into the society. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 out of 4.0, accumulated at least 12 semester hours towards an associate degree and be of good moral character.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among associate degree students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate to exchange ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. The Society is recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official general honor society for two-year colleges.

This is the first year that students from the McDowell Early College (MEC) have been eligible to join Phi Theta Kappa at MTCC. It is recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official general honor society for two-year colleges.

**Inductees for Fall 2008**

Charlene Brady Allison
Amber Shaw Arrowood
Sara Rosanne Beck
Terry James Blake
Joeyn Elizabeth Folger
Alexandra Biddle Foster
Myra Calle Beby
Alexandra S. Frye
James Arthur Frye III
Julia Diane Johnson
Belindra Stylos Lasaer
Meagan Maria Martin
John Paul McIlhine
Whitney Taylor Pentland
Sidney Perry
James Topp Platt
Gloria Jean Plunkard
Jennifer Seagle Ruff
Megan Nicole Stevens
Deborah Sue Thomas
Cassey Erin VanBuskirk
Lloyd Dean Welch
Kendall Reeve Woolard

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**Mission**

**Goal**

To act as a catalyst to increase the availability, affordability, and the quality of child care in McDowell County by providing a link between parents, providers and the community.

**Objectives**

- To assemble and maintain a database of the legal child care provider supply within McDowell County.
- To educate and advocate within the community for the development of new programs and to improve the quality of existing programs.
- To provide referrals and counseling to parents seeking child care and to disseminate quality child care information supporting informed choices.
- To offer technical assistance and support to all legal child care providers through the provision of training opportunities, personal consultation, newsletters and resources available through the toy and equipment lending libraries. 
- To record and analyse parent demand data.

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**Are You Interested In Starting A Child Care Business?**

According to CSN’s Early Childhood Demographics Report, McDowell County has a need for quality child care for infants, toddlers, and twos. This is a potential business opportunity for caring individuals interested in investing both love and money to expand the availability of care for this age group in our county. Call Michelle Rogers at 652-0648 for information on opening a family child care. Call Joy Griffin at 652-0637 for information on opening a child care center.

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES OFFERED SPRING 2009**

| EDU 131 | Early Childhood Education |
| EDU 151 | Child Development I |
| EDU 251 | Exploration Activities & Lab |
| EDU 350 | General Psychology |
| PST 244 | Health, Safety, Nutrition (offered Spring ’09 at MTCC) |
| PST 153 | Health, Safety, Nutrition (offered Spring ’09 at MTCC) |
| PST 244 | Child, Family & Community |

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**AS A PARENT, DID YOU KNOW...**

Children’s Services Network is available for information about child care options for parents of children ages 0-12. Call Diana at 652-0649 or drop in at our office located at MTCC, building 4.

...child care centers and family child care homes are licensed for up to 20 or more children. These licensed facilities can voluntarily meet higher standards and apply for up to 5 stars. If you would like information on your child care program’s license, call CSN or visit the Division of Child Development’s web site at www.nchildcare.net.

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**2009 ADN-RN ADMISSION REQUIREMENT DEADLINES**

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**2009 ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT DEADLINES**

All persons interested in Fall 2009 Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program, the Summer 2009 advanced placement (evening/weekend) program, or the Practical Nursing Program should apply as soon as possible.

Admissions requirement deadline for the Summer 2009 ADN Advanced Placement (evening/weekend) co-hort is January 8, 2009.

Admissions requirement deadline for Fall 2009 ADN-RN (day program) is January 26, 2009.

Admissions requirement deadline for Fall 2009 PNE Program is May 11, 2009.

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**Youth - Ages 16-21**

Have you dropped out of high school?
Are you thinking about obtaining a GED?
Is attending college one of your goals?
Are you looking for work but lack experience?
Are you ready to make plans for your future?

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**Tutoring Program**

McDowell Tech’s Basic Skills Department is looking for volunteers to help in a tutoring program for adult students who need to improve their skills in reading, math or English as a Second Language. Training will be provided. For more information please call Mary Sutton at 659-6001 ext. 101.
International Trauma Life Support (TLTS)

Formerly known as BLS

This class is designed to allow continuing education credits for the CECLM-P certification. Date: January 23, 2009

Location: William Harold Smith Building 107

Other costs associated with the program will be discussed at the orientation meeting.

Critical Care Symposium

This will be an 8 hour class to allow continuing education credits for the EMTC Basic Provider course.

Location: MTCC Campus, TBA

Registration Fee: $65.00 (emergency service personnel fee prompt)

II. Type II, Type III and Universal certification. The class consists of 24 contact hours classroom instruction and 2-3 contact hours state testing.

Instructor: Dennis P. Mauk, Sr.

Registration Fee: $20.00 plus material and supplies. Mrs. Goldsmith will have a list of material and supplies on the first day of class. Location: Marion Senior Center Dates: January 13, 2009 - March 8, 2009. This will be an 8 week course.

March 10, 2009 – April 28, 2009. This will be an 8 week course.

Instructor: Barbara Allison Registration Fee: $20.00 per class.

Please call for dates and time.

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Instructor: Joan Weiler
Registration Fee: $50.00, Plus a $1.00 Technology Fee
Reference Material: Introduction to Excel 101
Location: MTCC Campus, Bldg. William Harold Smith (10), Room 105
Pre-registration and payment is required a week before classes start. Registration is between the hours of 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

Times: Part 1: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Part 2: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Hours: 35

Microsoft Publisher

Use this software to create professional looking presentations, computer slide shows, or overheads. Learn to use the graphic tools to enhance your presentation with graphics, transitions, and special animation effects.

Instructor: Joan Weiler
Registration Fee: $50.00, Plus a $2.00 Technology Fee
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Location: MTCC Campus, William Harold Smith (10), Room 105
Pre-registration and payment is required a week before classes start. Registration is between the hours of 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

Dates: Saturday, June 13, 2009 – July 18, 2009
Part 2: Saturday, July 18, 2009 – August 1, 2009
Times: Part 1: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Part 2: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Hours: 6

Excel 101

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Part 2: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 – April 15, 2009
Times: Part 1: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Part 2: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Hours: 6

Dates and Times:

Class Hours:
Level I - Beginning Conversational Spanish

This course is designed to help beginning students with little or no Spanish. Textbook is an additional cost and must be purchased for this class. This class will be taught by Virginia S. Canonico.

Instructor: Virginia S. Canonico
Registration Fee: $50.00, Plus a cost of book ($22.30 new edition)
Location: MTCC Campus, William Harold Smith (10), Room 105
Pre-registration and payment is required a week before classes start. Registration is between the hours of 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

Dates: Wednesday, January 7, 2009 – February 18, 2009
Times: Part 1: 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Part 2: 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Hours: 6

Level II - Beginning Conversational Spanish

This course continues the study of the preterit that was started in Beginning Conversational Spanish – Level 1. Another tense is introduced the imperfect indicative. More information is studied and a new verb is introduced. The perfect tense is introduced.

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Dates: Tuesday, February 3, 2009 – April 14, 2009
Times: Part 1: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Part 2: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Hours: 6

Powerpoint 101

Powerpoint 2001 is an intuitive, powerful presentation graphics program that enables you to create dynamic, multimedia-presentations. You will learn how to create a presentation from your computer or by using an overhead video projection system.

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Location: MTCC Campus, Bldg. William Harold Smith (10), Room 105
Pre-registration and payment is required a week before classes start. Registration is between the hours of 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

Dates: Part 1 and Part 2: Saturday, May 9, 2009
Times: Part 1: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Part 2: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Hours: 6

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Dates: Saturday, September 6, 2009 – October 17, 2009
Times: Part 1: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Part 2: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Hours: 10

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Tuition

Tuition for in-state students is $42.00 per semester hour, not to exceed a total of $1,260.00 per semester for each student. Tuition for out-of-state students is $220.00 per semester hour, not to exceed a total of $1,320.00 per semester for each student. Returing students (who were enrolled during the previous semester) who pay tuition on or before January 5th will be assessed a state fee of $5. Tuition refunds are not automatic; see the MTCC Catalog and Student Handbook for more information. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

Tuition Waivers

Some individuals may be eligible for tuition waivers in certain classes; see the MTCC Catalog and Student Handbook for more information. These include:

- Non-Resident Waivers
- Federal Work-Study
- Loan Forgiveness
- Workforce Development

Financial Aid

Students in need of financial assistance to fund their education should begin the process of applying for aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In order to be eligible for federal aid, students must be enrolled in a curriculum program leading to a degree, diploma or eligible certificate (at least six credit hours in length). A student should be enrolled at least in credit hours each semester to be eligible for most federal aid programs; however, there are limited funds available for students that choose to enroll less than full-time each semester. The information provided on the FAFSA is used to determine the student’s eligibility for federal financial assistance such as Pell Grants (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant), Academic Competitiveness Grant and Federal Work-Study. In addition, the same information is evaluated by the North Carolina Community College Grants Office, North Carolina Student Grant and Loan Office, and the National Student Loan Service Center. Additional resources include the Federal Student Aid website, the North Carolina Student Grant and Loan Office, and the student’s college financial aid office.

Tuition & Fee Information

Register Today!

Don’t delay. Register today! Pre-registration begins November 17th!

Calendar

Spring 2009

Pre-registration begins November 17th!

All Distance Education Programs are shown in shaded yellow.

Schedule of Classes: Spring 2009

Program of Study

- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Art
- Auto Body
- Automotive Systems Technology
- Basic Law Enforcement
- Business Administration
- Certificate
- Dialysis Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical Electronics Technology
- General Education
- Health Information Technology
- Machining Technology
- Networking Technology
- Nursing (LPN/ RN)
- Photography
- Practical Nursing Education
- Surgical Technology
- Welding

McDonnell Technical Community College offers free tuition to all high school students at least in their junior or senior years. Students must begin earning college credits toward a one-year degree, two-year degree, or certificate of completion at McDonnell Tech! Tuition, books, and fees are FREE! Five programs are available: Photography, Health Information Technology, College Transfer, Machining, and Nursing Assistant. These students attend 2nd and 3rd trimesters of high school and are released to attend McDonnell Tech for classes beginning around 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Students must successfully pass the McDonnell Tech Placement exam and have an average from their high school principal. For more information, contact Julie Padgett, College Liaison, at 059-0417.
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"two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could "The Road Not Taken"

She hated it. Later, she got the higher paying job at Baxter Healthcare. It was equally hard work, but she liked it better.

**Finding The Road**

"two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could "The Road Not Taken"

"I looked forward to learning and pushing my limits, but I had to follow the rules of the college."

"Just before finished her degree, she took Mr. Ledbetter's advice and applied to the VA, she had dreamt of while she was serving in the military. She had done her part and it was time for her to get the support she deserved."

"The thing I struggled with was the different atmosphere, and moving out of the comfort zone. But what I lack, I make it up with the community. I feel like I'm family with them up there."

"I just don't want to be the person they have to look at, 'I don't have something to do, so here, let me do this.'"

"Finally, 'One day I just woke up and realized that no matter what happens, I'm going to get my degree.'"

"It was a confusing time."

"Hard jobs help to motivate you," she noted. "I found the first such advice from Ledbetter. I was a tiny baby, but I remember him telling me, 'You can do anything you set your mind to, but it's hard work.'"

"Coming Into Her Own"

"two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could "The Road Not Taken"

"Because it was grassy and wanted to wear it...

"And having perhaps the better claim...

"even though it is people like Ledbetter, Kwochka, Huff,...

"They open her eyes to new experiences and improve her thinking.

"If you want to see Stephanie in class, ask her what she is doing in class.

"For the next couple of days, the doctor worked on teaching a freshman Chemistry lab as a volunteer."
The purpose of the Human Resources Development (HRD) program is to educate and train individuals for success in the workplace.

All classes in the HRD program are held at the JobLink Career Center, located in downtown Marion at 81 South Main Street, Suite 2, in the basement of the former Moore’s Building.

Classes are scheduled on a continuous basis throughout the year. Classes are forming now. For further information or to register for a specific class, contact Jimmie Hensley at 828/659-6001, ext. 105.

Begin with an HRD class as the first step to “the future you never thought existed!”

Are you unemployed or underemployed? If your answer is “yes,” Human Resources Development (HRD) has a class for you. No registration fee applies if you are unemployed and looking for work or working and meeting economic guidelines. (If you do not fall in either category, the usual occupational extension fee will apply.)

HRD Classes Offered

**HRD Introduction to Keyboarding**
Be prepared for keyboarding used in the workplace by learning the elementary keyboarding skills. Explore careers and/or training options.

**HRD Workplace Computer Literacy**
Prepare for employment and/or make the transition into further computer training by learning the introductory skills of operating a computer.

**HRD Resumes, Application & Job Search**
Professionally prepare for the job you want! Utilize resume development techniques to complete a professional resume; prepare for your interview; become familiar with application procedures; and do Internet job searches to assist you in locating and obtaining employment.

**HRD Nursing Career Readiness**
Obtain assistance in the selection of a healthcare career, prepare for the educational programs of nursing (LPN and RN), and review for the pre-nursing exam.

**HRD Success By Choice**
Develop a healthy self-esteem and positive attitude to enhance personal and career success. Establish goals and explore career opportunities.

**HRD Career Planning and Assessment**
Find out about you, search for the ideal career, and get in touch with the resources to reach your goal.

**HRD WorkKeys Lab**
(3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Wednesday)
Prepare to earn a Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) using a self-paced computerized curriculum. You can determine your skills, advance your skills and pretest in the areas of Applied Math, Locating Information, and Reading for Information.

**Free Resume Help!**
The JobLink Career Center is available to help students and recent graduates with resume preparation. For workshop hours or to register for a workshop, call 659-6001, extension 0.

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**Abt Basic Skills Spring 2009 Classes**

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Enroll now in the **GED Program** and find out how you can start preparing for the GED Test by working online.

**GED Orientation Dates**

GED Orientation and Testing is held at the JobLink Career Center (front desk) at 828-659-6001, ext. #100. Orientation dates and times will vary.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for GED/SAT Orientation, please call the JobLink Career Center at 828-659-6001, ext. #100. Orientation dates and times will vary.

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**McDowell County JobLink Career Center**
Career Planning, Training & Placement Services

**Services**
- Career Counseling
- Career Exploration/Assessment
- Computer Access/Time
- Computer Access/Time (Internet)
- Employment/Job Referral
- Employment/Job Referral (Call Referrals)
- Employment/Job Referral (Day/Evening Services)
- Personalized Field Counseling
- Personalized Job/Training Counseling
- Personalized Training Employment Counseling
- Educational/Training Assistance to Promote Military or Civilian Transition
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- GED Basic Skill

**Short-Term Job Readiness Classes**

Classes are offered as in-class or online, where available, as a day off, and evening, or a combination of two or more settings.

**Partners On Site**

- Employment Security Office
- McDowell Technical College
- McDowell Co. Dept. of Social Services
- VA Employment Services
- WIC

**Location & Hours**

- McDowell County JobLink Career Center
  - 81 South Main Street
  - Marion, NC
  - Ph: 828-659-6001
  - Mon – Fri: 8:45 AM - 3:15 PM

**Fast-Track GED**
Get back on the right track by getting your GED. MTCC is now offering GED Fast-Track Classes both day and evening to help people prepare for the GED Test. These classes are on-going throughout the year and are free of charge. Classes will be held at the McDowell County JobLink Career Center. For more information call 659-6001 or come by JobLink.

**Adult Basic Skills**

The mission of the Adult Basic Skills program is to provide educational opportunities to adults 16 years and older who are out of school. The program addresses the needs of adults who do not have high school diplomas or who lack sufficient basic education skills to enable them to function effectively in society. Classes are free of charge and are offered in a variety of settings and at a variety of times.

**Figure**

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- GED Preparation/General Information
- ABE for Adults
- ELL (English Language Learning)
- ESL (English as a Second Language)
- GED Preparation
- GED Orientation
- GED Test Preparation
- GED Test Preparation

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**
ESL is a program of instruction designed for adults who are English proficient to enhance their English language and communication skills. Classes are offered at beginning through advanced levels of instruction.

**General Educational Development (GED)**
GED is a program that provides instruction and testing for adults to complete their high school equivalency. The GED test consists of the following five tests: Language Arts Writing, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts Reading, and Mathematics. Upon obtaining minimum standard scores of 600 on each of the five tests and a total score of 2250, a high school equivalency is awarded to the student by the State Board of Education. A high school equivalency is successfully completed for all customers. JobLink is committed, efficient and effective. Check us out!