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Message from the Principal

What can the Career & Technical Education Center offer you?

Businesses today need trained and skilled employees. Universities require students to be educationally prepared. The need for students who are college and career ready is so great that businesses and educational institutions have taken this message to schools everywhere in order to develop graduates with appropriate work skills and knowledge. CTE students follow career pathways linking high school learning with college degrees, industry recognized certifications and connections between what is learned in the classroom and expectations in the employment field.

In 1948, the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES began its mission to educate students in various pathways for high school graduation. In 2013, we celebrated 65 years of preparing students to become technology leaders of the future. We have maintained active partnerships with the business community through our Advisory Council and program consultant committees. Our educational staff, area businesses, students and parents work together as a team to provide a meaningful educational experience for all of our students. This career and college readiness preparation includes on the job internship experiences, program instruction aligned to college curricula and college credit integration opportunities for students in traditional programs who meet select criteria.

Every year we conduct a student survey to assess where our students are employed or attending college. In the past three years, nearly 96 percent of graduates have reported successful outcomes including gainful employment in their program field or post-secondary studies at a variety of technical schools, colleges and universities.

In addition to the career and technical programs and integrated academic courses that OHM BOCES offers, we also provide New Visions courses that allow seniors to go on-site at participating businesses to learn about the field. More information about New Visions programs can be found in this publication.

If you are interested in a challenging and hands-on education, we invite you to look through these pages to learn how a career and technical education can be the key to your future.

David Stayton



Career & Technical Education Center

Career and Technical Education Center programs are offered to high school juniors and seniors and focus on preparing students for employment, careers or post-secondary education through the development of 21st century skills. If a student does not wish to enroll in a program for two years, he or she has the option of enrolling in a program for one year.

Students attend one-half day at the Career and Technical Education Center, or internship site, and one-half day at their home schools. Working with state-of-the-art equipment, students apply theory to a wide range of real life work assignments in the Center's shops and laboratories. Positive employment attitudes, job seeking skills and familiarization with related career opportunities are emphasized in addition to college and career readiness.

If you would like more information about Career and Technical Education programs, contact your guidance counselor or the Career and Technical Education Center at 315.793.8666.







Auto Body & Auto Technology Occupations

This program provides instruction and skills needed to be employed in the automotive industry. Students receive theory instruction as well as hands-on instruction in basic automotive services, including auto body. Students work on vehicles as they learn skills that will transfer to a real job setting.

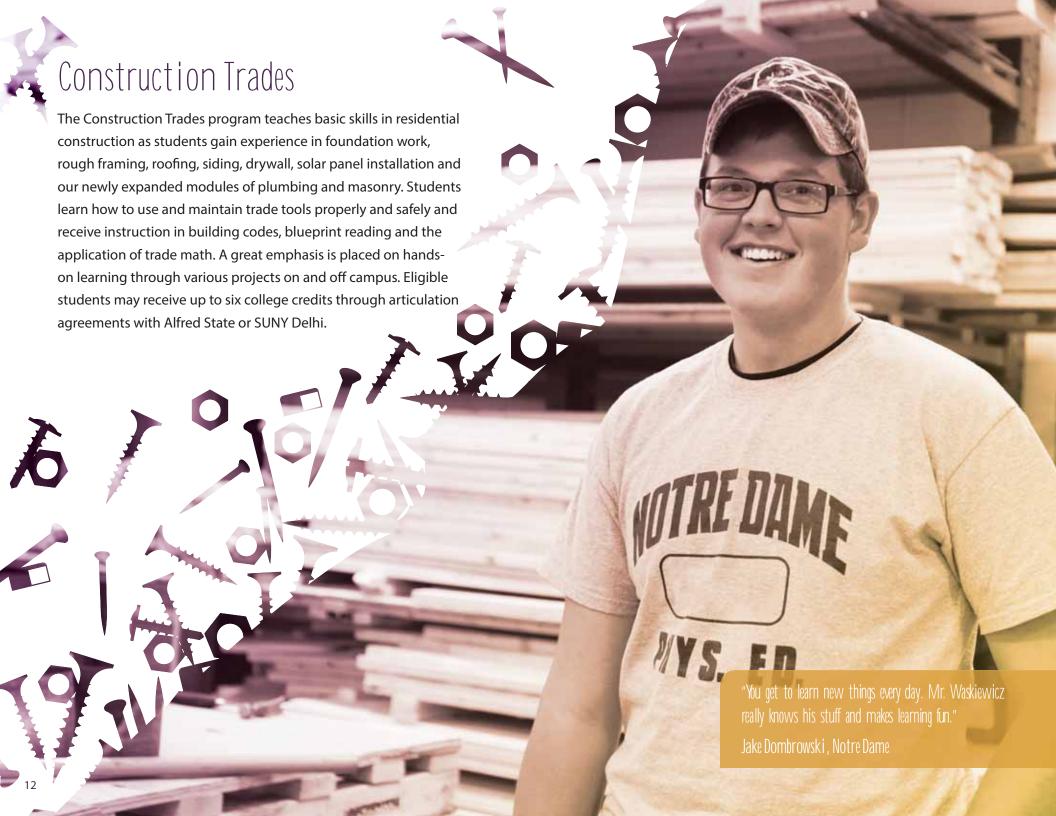
"We like to work on cars, the class is interesting, and teamwork is a big part of what we do. We will be able to use our knowledge of advanced automotive skills in the work field."

Anthony Campola & Christian Alequin, MSA

Automotive Technology NATER

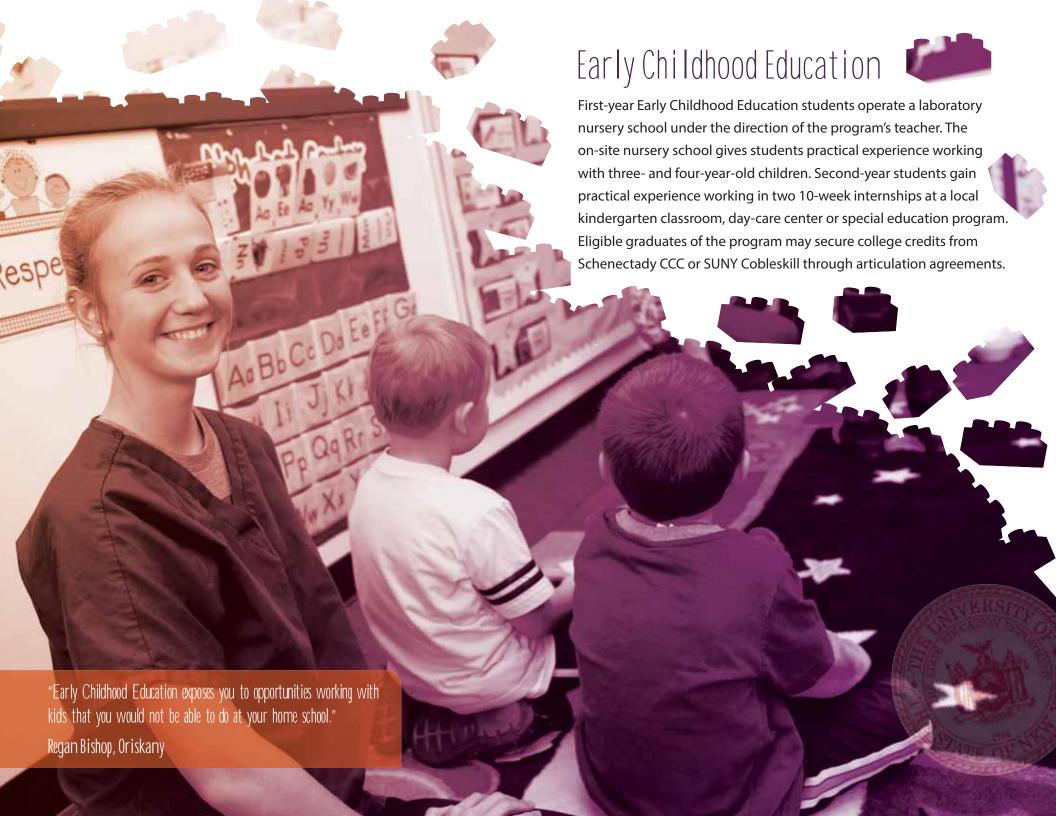
Students in this NATEF-certified program learn to diagnose, service and repair many different systems in today's vehicles. Areas of study include electrical, electronic, brake, suspension and steering systems. Students also learn about computerized engine controls, engine performance, emission controls, wheel alignment and how to perform New York state vehicle inspections. Students in the Automotive Technology program may be eligible to obtain between three and six college credits from Alfred State, Fulton Montgomery Community College or SUNY Delhi through articulation agreements.











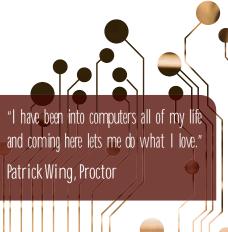


Electricians install, maintain and troubleshoot electrical systems and equipment in homes, offices, institutions and industrial plants. Students learn residential, light commercial and industrial wiring through a variety of hands-on activities and projects. During the second year of the program, students also receive instruction in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). Students in the Electricity & HVAC program may obtain between three and six college credits from SUNY Delhi, Alfred State or Fulton Montgomery Community College through articulation agreements.



Emerging Technologies & Cyber Security

This two-year course teaches computer repair and basic networking fundamentals. During the first year, students will learn hardware and software installation, end user support, trouble shooting, telecommunications protocols and network support. Second-year students will learn advanced networking technologies and gain exposure to the field of information system security including issues faced by homes and businesses, the types of damage they may cause and prudent security measures to counteract them. Second-year students work with materials developed in conjunction with Utica College's Cyber Security program. Students will learn basic terminology involved in cyber security, describe various threats and identify potential technologies to combat these threats. With further training and experience, students completing this program have the opportunity to take certification exams in A+, N+ and Security+. Eligible graduates of the program may secure up to nine college credits from USC The Business College through articulation agreements.



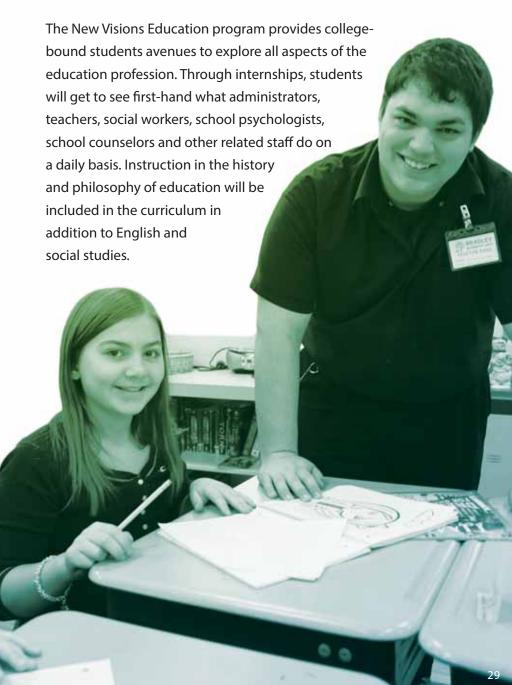






New Visions (Seniors Only) Communications The New Visions Communications program gives college-bound students the opportunity to work in a variety of communications settings, including public relations, marketing, journalism, television and radio. This program is designed to integrate English and social studies into the curriculum through a variety of learning experiences.

New Visions (Seniors Only) Education



New Visions (Seniors Only) Engineering Technology

New Visions Engineering
Technology is an
innovative program that
gives college-bound
seniors an in-depth
look at different areas
of engineering as they
work with professionals
in the field. This program
is designed to integrate
English and social studies
into the curriculum
through a variety of
learning experiences.

New Visions (Seniors Only) Health Professions

The New Visions Health Professions program is open to seniors who plan to enroll in college to study a health-related field. Students in the program explore a variety of health occupations on site at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare, as well as other health facilities. Students develop competencies useful in a wide range of careers within the health field; they also earn credit in English and social studies.

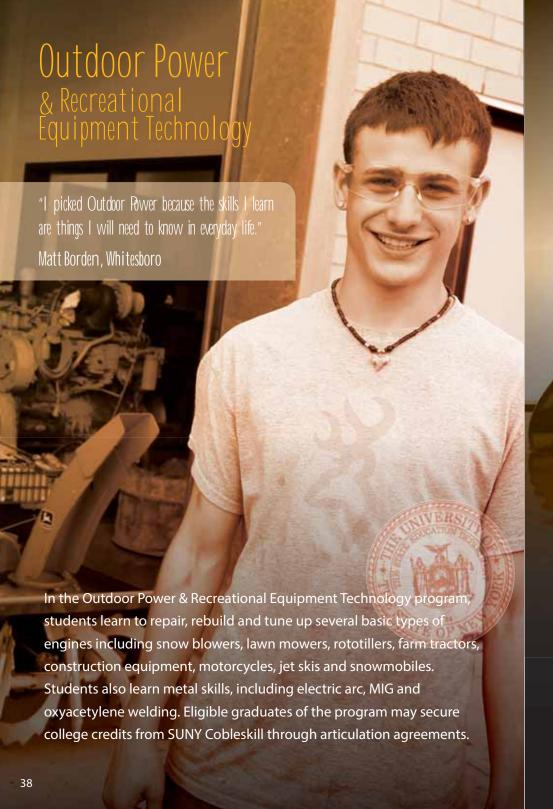




to investigate performance in front of an audience and/or behind the scenes where artists craft their work. This program is designed to integrate English and social studies into the curriculum through an examination of the history of performance art.







College High School (P-TECH) Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) is a new course offering an integrated high school and college curriculum focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) while also providing workplace skills including leadership, communication and problem solving. This program will initially enroll freshman in a flexible (four, five, or six-year) program combining academic rigor and career focus with graduates earning a high school diploma and an accredited associate's degree. Students will experience internships with P-TECH business and industry partners and, upon graduation, will be regarded as viable candidates for employment with these partnering agencies. Enrollment for this program will be conducted through an application process as detailed in the P-TECH grant guidelines.

Pathways in Technology Early



Sophomore Seminar

Sophomore Seminar was developed for 10th grade students who would benefit from a hands-on, experiential learning program. The program incorporates concepts of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and students will be exposed to a variety of career skills and content. This project-based class incorporates technology, engineering, and problem solving wherein students apply scientific and mathematic principles in topics including bridge design, robotics, rocketry and woodworking. Through this unique learning environment students will make connections between academic achievement and their potential career, develop personal goals and a more positive attitude about their success, improve self-esteem and learn appropriate behaviors, and gain credits toward their high school graduation.

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School-to-Career Programs

The School and Business Alliance utilizes several career development strategies to assist students in making successful transitions from school to post-secondary studies to a successful career: career shadowing, business speakers and tours, college tours and summer work opportunities.

The Regional Program for Excellence internships offer highly motivated high school juniors and seniors opportunities to explore their career choices in a work setting with respected professionals. Students complete 75 hours by receiving release time from their classes to meet with mentors for a weekly three-hour block or during summer months.

Tech Prep offers the opportunity for students to take challenging, real-world coursework in high school. By completing a four-unit sequence in technology, business or healthcare, students build the skills needed to be successful in both college and work.

Work Experience Programs

Internships

During school hours, a student may be assigned to observe and participate in a variety of activities related to his/her curriculum at an off-campus site. Students do not receive wages and may not replace a paid employee.

New Visions Internships

Students in the New Visions program spend four days a week in workplace internships in the business management, communications, education, engineering technology, health, legal, nanotechnology, performing arts and veterinary science fields. One day each week is spent in the classroom working on related curriculum projects, listening to guest speakers, or taking virtual field trips.

Direct Job Placement

The Career and Technical Education Center works closely with area businesses to identify students who are prepared for direct job placement, for either full- or part-time work, or summer employment.

Career & Technical Education Program Credits

Regents Diploma with a Technical Endorsement

Most Career and Technical Education programs at the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES are approved by the State Education Department. If students successfully complete the CTE program, complete 22 units of high school credits, pass the five required Regents examinations, and pass a technical assessment (which is part of the CTE program), students are eligible to receive the Regents diploma with a technical endorsement.

High School Credit

For each successfully completed year, you can receive four credits. For a one-year program, you can receive four Career and Technical Education (CTE) credits or three CTE credits and, with home school approval, one credit of English 12. In the one-year Nurse Assistant program, students can also receive a credit in science. For a two-year program, you can receive eight credits. These can be eight CTE credits or (with home school approval) five, six, or seven CTE credits and up to three academic credits including English 12, math, and science. See your high school counselor for more information.



College Credit Integration

All of the New Visions programs offer three college credits from MVCC for English 101. This is at no cost to students. Seniors in Conservation can pay a reduced fee and be eligible to receive three college credits from SUNY Morrisville in their Environmental Science (ENSC 100) course. Also, students in traditional programs may have the opportunity to obtain six college credits in their junior year (Introduction to Business and Principles of Marketing) and an additional six credits (Computer Applications and Concepts I and Personal Finance) in their senior year.

Articulation

Through articulation agreements between a post-secondary institution and the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, students may gain advanced standing in certain programs and, for others, actual credit for a college-level course. The terms of the articulation generally include the following: students must have completed the BOCES course within the past school year, maintained a B average or better, demonstrated excellent attendance and received recommendation from the BOCES instructor. For more specific information, contact the BOCES guidance department at 793.8618 or 793.8660. All Career and Technical Education programs have established articulation agreements with local colleges and trade schools.

Established articulation agreements exist at:

Baran Institute of Technology \cdot Bryant & Stratton \cdot Fulton-Montgomery Community College \cdot Herkimer County Community College \cdot Mohawk Valley Community College \cdot Nashville Auto-Diesel College \cdot Paul Smith's College \cdot Schenectady County Community College \cdot SUNY - Conton \cdot SUNY - Cobleskill \cdot SUNY - Delhi \cdot SUNY - Morrisville \cdot The Art Institute of Pittsburgh \cdot The Culinary Institute of America \cdot Utica School of Commerce

Clubs & Activities

Skills USA

Skills USA offers leadership and citizenship development to complement the CTE student's skill training. Members may also participate in local, state and national Skills USA competitions.

FFA Conservation Club

The National FFA organization is the oldest vocational organization in the United States and is recognized by the federal government as an important part of vocational education. FFA promotes leadership development through activities that benefit students and the community. Students gain valuable leadership experience toward success in the workforce. Membership is open to any BOCES CTE student.

Advisory Council Representatives

At the Career and Technical Education Center your opinions count. To make sure student perspectives are heard and considered when important decisions are made, two students are selected each year as members of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council. These students attend all council meetings and actively take part in all discussions.

Honor Society

Each May, outstanding students are inducted into the Career and Technical Honor Society. They are students who have shown excellent academic achievement in their Career and Technical program, good attendance, active participation in organizations, and a serious interest in a vocational or technical field. All students, including adult students, are eligible if they meet the requirements.

Scholarships & Awards

OHM BOCES Career and Technical Education students are eligible to compete for several scholarship and awards thanks to the generous contributions of the following sponsors:

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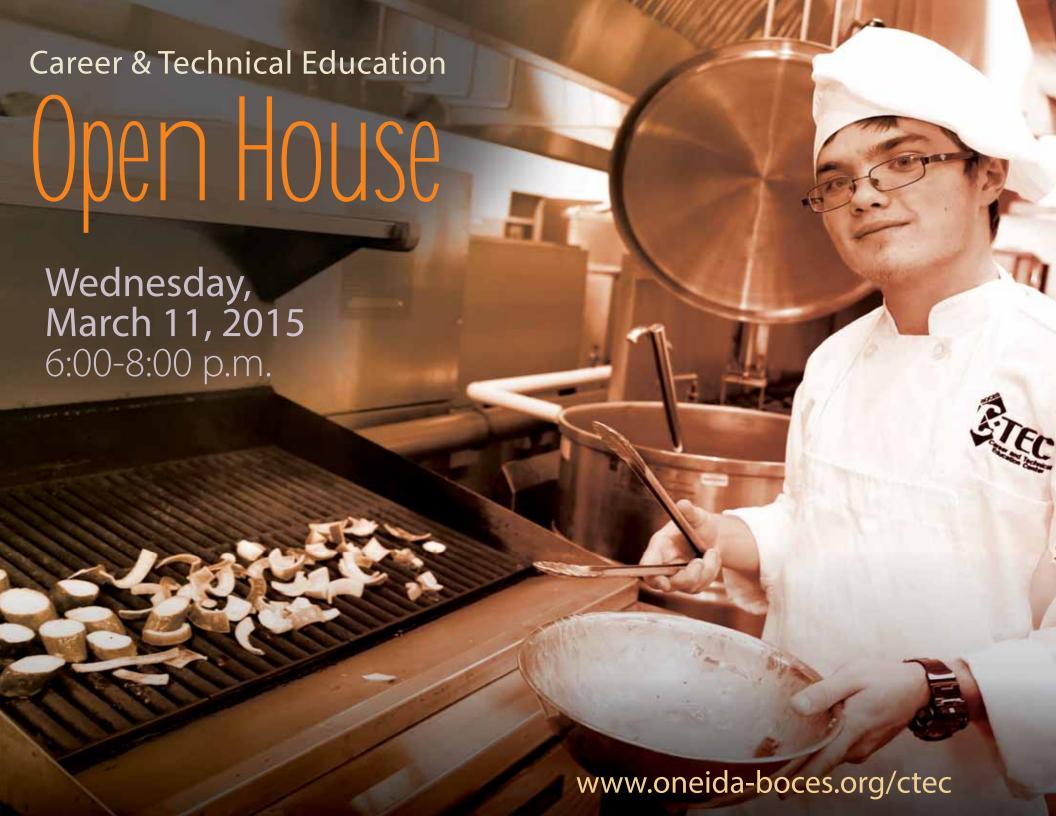
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