

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Weekly Memo 2014-09-08

Quote

“For it is in giving that we receive.” – Francis of Assisi

Basic facts about Oklahoma health care workers

The following points on health care workers were provided by the Department of Commerce.

- Nearly 82 percent of Oklahoma’s health care workers (nearly 128,000 people) have less than a bachelor’s degree.
- The top 10 pre-baccalaureate occupations include RNs, aides, assistants, technicians, paramedics and technologists.
- Those 10 occupations account for two out of every three people in the state’s pre-baccalaureate workforce.
- Average wages for those occupations in Oklahoma range from \$9 to nearly \$27.
- From 2001 to 2011, Oklahoma experienced an average 17 percent growth in those occupations.

Why does this matter? As the industry continues to grow, it is critical to meet the workforce needs. CareerTech’s health-related certifications for FY13 total 5,464. In these certifications more than 45 occupations are represented.

Parliamentary Procedure video now available

The CIMC announces the availability of a new DVD for the FFA Junior Parliamentary Procedure contest. This is a new version of the video, filmed in the studio by the “Oklahoma Horizon” staff. Thanks also to Madill FFA members for their contribution of time to assist us with the production. Contact Curriculum customer service to order a copy. (Jamie Church)

National Technical Honor Society state conference set for November

The ninth annual NTHS State Leadership Conference will be Nov. 13. Members of NTHS meet annually at the conference, where they have an opportunity to network with other members from across the state, engage in leadership building activities and promote academic excellence.

Attendees hear from dynamic speakers and participate in educational workshops on a variety of topics. The conference will be at the Moore Norman Technology Center South Penn Campus.

For more information, <http://www.okcareertech.org/students/student-organizations/nths/conference>. (Jeremy Zweiacker)

Study guides now available

As of Sept. 1, 55 study guides were available for download through the CareerTech Testing Center website, www.okcttc.com. The study guides received positive feedback from many instructors when they were introduced at summer conference.

The study guides are designed to help students and instructors prepare for 132 ODCTE-developed precertification and end-of-course assessments. Most guides also include a list of resources used to develop the exams and, if possible, a crosswalk to CIMC curriculum or other commonly used instructional materials. Every guide also includes test-taking strategies and a section where students can make their own notes as they study and prepare for assessments. Study guides are also being developed for certification and licensure exams offered through the Health Certification Project as these exam products are updated. To date, three study guides have

been published online for candidates seeking licensure in nine areas of the alarm, locksmith and fire sprinkler industries. (Jennifer Cartwright)

Oklahoma family and consumer sciences students make strides

Oklahoma's family and consumer sciences students perform well on the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences assessments.

In analyzing results from 2013-14 and comparing them to those from 2012-13, the state of Oklahoma is to be commended for the following assessments:

- In Broad Field FCS, the state assessment average increased from 82 percent to 88 percent; the state certification rate increased from 86 percent to 100 percent.
- In Interior Design Fundamentals, the state assessment average increased from 72 percent to 76 percent; the state certification rate increased from 80 percent to 100 percent.
- In Nutrition, Food and Wellness, the state assessment average increased from 64 percent to 71 percent.

OBAN business procurement conference truly pays off

The Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network's yearly Indian Country Business Summit on Aug. 26-27 offered two days for business, tribal and government sectors to participate in various aspects of business procurement.

One highlight of the event is business matchmaking, during which attendees sign up to market their companies to government agencies, tribal buyers or prime contractors. Immediately following the event, Carter Merkle received word that a company from Ponca City achieved success in the business matchmaking with an \$18,000 contract. Plans are already underway for the 2015 Indian Country Business Summit. The venue request for proposals should be released in the next couple of weeks.

Useful links

[Oklahoma Horizon Schedule](#)

[Tech Cap application](#)

[Lottery scholarship application](#)

[CareerTech Teacher Professional Development](#)

[GuidanceFest registration](#)

Schedule for the week

This schedule is subject to change without notice:

Monday

Senior Staff meeting

Tuesday

Agency directors' meeting

Data system update

State Chamber

Workforce System Partners meeting

Wednesday

Morning staff chat

Health division meeting

Trade and Industry division meeting

Thursday

America Works Policy Academy

Friday

Secretary of Commerce Larry Parman