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Discover pathways to reach your dreams at Penn State Berks

Penn State Berks understands the needs of adult learners. The college's Continuing Education and professional development opportunities offer adult learners the ability to quickly upskill, opening doors to a new career or enhancing in-demand skills to grow their current career through a variety of programs, including skill-building courses and certificates. Programs generally range from seven-week classes, to one year or 18-month certificate programs in areas such as Project Management, Construction Management, Programmable Logic Controllers, Computer-Aided Design or Practical Nursing. Programs are specifically built to meet local workforce needs and graduates benefit from excellent job prospects following completion.

One example is the Practical Nursing

program, which provides a unique opportunity for adult students to enter an in-demand career field and to earn an excellent wage. Students are also able to move from current positions as a medical or nursing assistant into the practical nursing role through the evening and weekend coursework. This part-time program allows students to continue to work full-time while also maintaining family commitments.

Recent Practical Nursing graduate, Amber Breidegam, shared, "My son has been a huge motivation for following my dreams. Evening and weekend hours worked great with having a child, and I also loved that it was 18 months straight." Her advice for others: "Stay organized and remind yourself that if this is something you want, you can and will achieve it!"



The program prepares students with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes essential for practical nursing practice, and graduates are well prepared for the NCLEX-PN exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Another recent Practical Nursing graduate, Maria Melendez, shared, "After 10 years as a medical assistant, I knew it was time to further my education. My hard work paid off when I passed my NCLEX-PN exam on the first attempt! Earning my LPN allowed me to further my healthcare career; I now work as an LPN for a private surgeon's office assisting surgical procedures, scheduling, and patient triage calls."

Penn State Berks is here to help you take the next step in your career or move into a new career. Learn more about upcoming programs at **berks.psu.edu/ce** or contact program representative Elaine Berish at 610.396.6230 or EMB1@PSU.EDU.





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Berks Career and Technology Center (BCTC)

The Berks Career and Technology Center (BCTC) is regarded as one of the premier technical education facilities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, largely due to the outstanding performance and success of its students. With campuses located in Leesport and Oley, BCTC is conveniently located to serve our students. BCTC provides high-quality technical education and career preparation to meet the needs of today's high school students and adults. The school serves 16 public school districts, numerous nonpublic schools, and the citizens and businesses of the Berks County area.

BCTC operates as a school of choice,

designed for students who are seeking to enhance their educational program with a highly relevant career and technical experience, connected directly to the real world of business and industry. More than 400 business and industry advisors review and update the school's educational program annually. The BCTC experience provides students with a blend of classroom theory, technical applications in state-of-the-art laboratories, and actual off campus workbased experiences. Instruction is self paced, and highly personalized. Students choose from 34 programs of study across the following career clusters: Advanced Materials & Diversified Manufacturing,

Business & Information Technology, Communications, Construction, Engineering Technology, Healthcare, Services, and Transportation. Each year approximately 2,000 secondary and adult students attend BCTC. Many students earn advanced credits through articulation agreements with post-secondary education, complete dual enrollment courses, and earn nationally recognized industry certifications.

State-of-the-art learning laboratories, a highly skilled faculty, and a curriculum geared to industry standards combine to distinguish BCTC as a leading provider of career and technical education.

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BCTC prepares today's students for tomorrow's emerging technologies and provides them with the competitive edge needed to compete in the global marketplace.

The Continuing Education programs offered at Berks Career and Technology Center is very diverse. We provide an opportunity for adult students to attend quality educational programs in 34 areas during day and evening classes.

Federal financial aid is available for qualified students attending Adult Day School programs.

Apprenticeship programs are available in the evening that are in concert with business and industry to provide theoretical learning that enhances the apprentice's on-the-job practical training. Evening courses appeal to those wishing to further their technical skills to change or enter into a new career field.

New for 2021 are the EMT and Robotic Welding classes. BCTC provides customized training for business and industry that matches training needs for today's workforce.



We also offer online courses in more than 300 topic areas. Online courses offer flexibility, convenience and affordability by allowing you to take a course anywhere there is a computer and Internet access. Learn more about Continuing Education opportunities at Berks Career and Technology Center by calling at 610.743.7630 or visiting www.berkscareer.com/ACE.



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The Malvern School

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The Malvern School, founded in 1998, is a year-round private preschool for children six weeks to 12 years old. The Malvern School believes in developing the whole child in a nurturing, yet engaging environment and offers an innovative curriculum that has raised the bar in early childhood education. Today, The Malvern School has 27 locations through-

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School has 27 locations throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and central and southern New Jersey and is dedicated to providing curriculum that is designed to meet or exceed the highest standards established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's largest early childhood accrediting organization.

Choosing the right childcare is one of the most important decisions you make as a parent. With several location right off 422, The Malvern School of Royersford and The Malvern School of Collegeville provide families in the surrounding communities with innovative early childhood education programming with high standards of quality and service.

The curriculum exposes children to science concepts, language development, multicultural activities, self-help skills, fine and gross motor skills, arts and crafts, and music and movement. The Malvern School believes that learning is best facilitated in an environment that is challenging, hands-on, and of course fun!

(610) 831-8700

In addition to one-on-one classroom time, The Malvern School also has two custom-designed specialty rooms where children

have the opportunity to see, touch, and do, through hands-on learning stations. The learning stations focus on sensory experiences, the arts, reading, manipulative play,

and dramatic play. Our Fascination Station is a favorite among our toddler children, and the Discovery Room is a special place for our preschool through after school students.

Want to learn more about The Malvern School? Schedule a tour today and visit www.MalvernSchool.com for more information.

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Montgomery County Community College is partnering with Challenger Center to open the first interactive, space-themed Challenger Learning Center in Pennsylvania at its Pottstown Campus. Photo courtesy of Challenger Center



MONTGOMERY

COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Celebrates 25 Years in Pottstown

This fall marks the 25th anniversary of Montgomery County Community College opening the doors of its Pottstown Campus to serve the Tri-County area. Through the years, MCCC has become a valuable resource and trusted partner, always ready to work closely with school districts, area businesses, organizations and agencies.

As the College approaches its quarter of a century milestone anniversary, MCCC's leaders are looking ahead to prepare for the future needs of students and communities. Exciting changes for the Pottstown Campus are on the horizon – starting with the Challenger Learning Center, the first of its kind to open in Pennsylvania.

"We are thrilled about this innovative opportunity. The Challenger Learning Center will not only introduce youth to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), but it also will inspire them to pursue higher education and lead them

SPILIMAN FARMER ACCHIECUTE

Montgomery County Community College is transforming its North Hall parking lot into a green space to provide live learning laboratories for students and a public green space for the community. Rendering courtesy of Spillman Farmer Architects



to rewarding careers in high-demand fields with life-sustaining wage jobs," said Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez, MCCC President. "In the long-term, this strategic pathway will help to strengthen the workforce for Montgomery County and the region."

For outreach, MCCC will provide transportation scholarships to bring area students to the interactive, space-themed Center, as part of a \$500,000 PAsmart Advancing Grant. For more details about the Center and its opening this fall, visit mc3.edu/challenger.

Other innovative projects are underway at MCCC's Pottstown Campus, too. "During the past year, we've met with business and community members, students, faculty and others to explore possibilities for the Pottstown Campus," said Therol Dix, J.D., MCCC Vice President of Pottstown Campus and Educational Partnerships. "We listened to their ideas and are using that feedback as we make improvements."

At North Hall, 16 West High St., MCCC will convert the existing macadam parking lot into a grass-covered area with tiered rain gardens into Manatawny Creek. The new design will provide both live learning laboratories for students and a public green space for the community.

At South Hall, 101 College Drive, MCCC is renovating the student support spaces to improve the overall educational experience, providing greater access to basic needs services.

Along with construction, MCCC will be offering new programs at Pottstown this fall, including Tourism and Hospitality Management and Sound Recording and Music Technology with a new state-of-theart laboratory.

For more information about Montgomery County Community College, and its campuses and programs, visit mc3.edu.

