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HARRISON COUNTY LIFELONG LEARNING

2024

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Harrison County Lifelong Learning is the local source for adult education, technical training and certification, and connecting employers with job seekers. We partner with several educational institutions and community resources to increase the skills and abilities of citizens while empowering and enriching their lives in an effort to promote a lifetime of learning.

PROMOTING COLLEGE & CAREER SUCCESS

In 2024 over 60 area employers participated in our community Job Fairs, held bi-annually at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in downtown Corydon. More than 1,000 people visited the free events to network and find new career and educational opportunities. “Our Job Fairs are a fantastic opportunity for job seekers of all backgrounds and experience levels to connect with area employers actively seeking workers,” notes Tom Fields, Director. The Job Fairs include a diverse range of employers from industries including healthcare, human services, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, and finance. Additionally, the Spring Job Fair was organized to include colleges and universities, military recruiters, workforce training providers and apprenticeship programs. A partnership with the local school corporations meant that junior and senior high school students had the opportunity to attend the Job Fairs and were able to apply for seasonal positions, internships and full time opportunities upon graduation.

Due to increased demand for employment services, Southern Indiana Works-WorkOne added two additional staff to the Harrison County Lifelong Learning Career Center in 2024. Job search assistance is now available four days a week in Corydon. Career Coaches can also assist with resume preparation, interviewing skills, and workforce training.

Harrison County Lifelong Learning maintains an active Jobs Board where local employers can post current job openings at no charge and area residents can look for new opportunities. The listing is updated weekly and can be found at, **www.HarrisonLifelongLearning.com**





MEDICAL CERTIFICATION TRAINING







Our successful partnership with area training providers continued in 2024. Several medical training courses were offered to help students improve their skills and advance their careers within the evolving healthcare industry.

Vincennes University began the year by offering Phlebotomy Technician Training in March. The course requires the students to become familiar with all aspects related to the blood collection process. The program provides students with the comprehensive skills necessary to perform venipunctures competently and safely. Students had hands-on lab practice sessions to learn the skills and techniques required to perform the puncture methods upon certification.

We were also able to coordinate a Clinical Medical Assistant class with Vincennes University. The class prepares students for clinical procedures including administering medications, assisting with minor surgery, performing an electrocardiogram, obtaining laboratory specimens for testing, educating patients, and maintaining clinical equipment in an ambulatory care and medical office setting.

This year Ivy Tech Community College offered Pharmacy Technician Training at Harrison County Lifelong Learning. This new program gave students the opportunity to learn prescription interpretation and conversion, dosing, compounding and pharmacy law in preparation for the National Health Career Association exam.

For students interested in entry level nursing careers, Kaiser Healthcare Certifications administered Certified Nurse Aide and Qualified Medication Aide training throughout the year.

Tuition assistance for certified medical training is available to those students who qualify using the Indiana Next Level Jobs Work Ready Grant, Hands-Up Scholarship grant funds from the Harrison County Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Crawford County, the Milltown United Methodist Church Scholarship and the support of the Harrison County Hospital Foundation.



WELDING CERTIFICATION

The 80-hour welding course allows individuals to quickly achieve a specific certification issued by the American Welding Society (AWS) in the process of Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding. This versatile process can be used to easily weld metals and alloys such as copper, aluminum, nickel and iron.

Offered in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College, the welding courses were held at Corydon Central High School. Eligible students were awarded Workforce Ready Grant funds to complete training and earn their certification.

ADULT EDUCATION

River Valley Resources' Adult Education classes meet each week at Harrison County Lifelong Learning in Corydon. Classes are free and designed for individuals who need to improve their basic skills in preparation for an Indiana high school equivalency diploma, college enrollment or career advancement. After a student's skills are assessed, a conference then allows the student and teacher to develop specific goals for course completion. Transition Specialists are available to help students explore post secondary education and employment opportunities.

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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TESTING



Harrison County Lifelong Learning administers the pencil/paper format of the HiSET® Test across six counties in Southern Indiana. The HiSET test consists of five subjects; Science, Social Studies, Reading, Math and Writing. Accommodations are available for test takers with diagnosed disabilities. Students who successfully pass the test obtain an Indiana High School Equivalency Diploma.

In addition to testing for the general public, Harrison County Lifelong Learning works closely with Floyd County Jail, Clark County Jail, Clark County Juvenile Detention Center, Scott County Security Center and Washington County Detention Center to test inmates in an effort to reduce recidivism.

2024 PROGRAMMING

Classes and services include,

- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- QuickBooks Online Basics
- Small Business Tools for Success
- Leading a Multigenerational Workforce
- Emotional Intelligence & Conflict Resolution
- Coaching for Success & Constructive Feedback
- Adult Education Classes
- High School Equivalency Testing
- Post-secondary Test Proctoring
- Community Job Fairs
- Certified Nurse Aide Training
- Qualified Medication Aide Training
- Phlebotomy Technician Training
- Clinical Medical Assistant Training
- Pharmacy Technician Training
- AWS Welding Certification
- CDL Truck Driver Training













COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Harrison County Government
- Southern Indiana Works-WorkOne
- River Valley Resources
- FIE Truck Driving School
- Davis Development & Coaching Services
- Louisville Consulting Group
- Penny Tracker LLC
- Indiana Small Business Development Center
- Kaiser Healthcare Certification
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Vincennes University
- Harrison County Community Foundation
- Harrison County Chamber of Commerce
- Harrison County Economic Development Corp.
- Community Foundation of Crawford County
- Harrison County Hospital Foundation

If you would like more information on the programs and services available at the learning center, call 812.738.7736 or visit our website, www.HarrisonLifelongLearning.com