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Fairfield County Workforce Center Offering New Classes in August

(Carroll, OH) – The Fairfield County Workforce Center is pleased to announce several workforce training initiatives to begin in August. Hocking College is set to continue its Ready-to-Work series with programs in electrical, carpentry, and HVAC while Ohio University Lancaster's Engineering Technology program will offer instruction for the following courses: Basic Electronics, Basic Hydraulics and Pneumatics, Safety Management, and Engineering Graphics.

As local manufacturers and construction companies continue to grow and look to fill open positions, course offerings are designed to meet the needs of industry. What's more, students may continue their education and pursue degrees from both Hocking College and Ohio University. "These programs can help serve the needs of our employers, fill important jobs in our community and lead local workers into great careers," said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director. "I'm excited that both Hocking College and Ohio University will share their expertise in these fields."

Hocking College will offer new Ready to Work short-term programs beginning August 16, 2021. The 16-week programs will prepare students for entry-level work in the carpentry, residential and commercial electricity, and HVAC/R fields. The college's Associate of Technical Studies in Construction Management degree program will administer these courses.

"The Fairfield County Workforce Center provides robust, hands-on, relevant, industry-led training programs focused on delivering the skills needed for great careers in a variety of industries," said Sean Terrell, Dean of Workforce Development at Hocking College. "Hocking College is excited to offer training that provides a pathway to employment through short-term, stackable industry-recognized certifications."

Ohio University Lancaster will provide the Engineering Technology courses beginning August 23, 2021. Students will spend 15 weeks in a blended (onsite and online) learning environment to complete coursework in electronics, hydraulics and pneumatics, automation and robotics, and safety management.

"Meeting the workforce needs of Fairfield County area employers is vital," Dean of Campus and Community Relations, Jarrod Tudor, said. "Ohio University Lancaster is committed to Fairfield County and to offering top-notch training to prepare students for immediately entering new careers."

The Fairfield County Workforce Center, located at 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW in Carroll, is a collaborative partnership between the Fairfield County Commissioners, Ohio University Lancaster and the Russ



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College of Engineering, and Hocking College. The partnership focuses on economic development through training and workforce development.

Course information and registration details can be found at FairfieldCountyWorkforceCenter.gov.

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