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Director's Message

"Welcome to High Tech North, Cape Coral's most established and accessible school for technical and career education. There are many reasons for you to come to High Tech North", says Mr Schiffer, the Director of High Tech North.

Our many partnerships with business, industry, education and emerging technology fields provide our students with work experience, internships, hands-on skills training and ultimately a higher-wage job upon graduation.

A team of educational professionals consisting of certified instructors and experienced support staff are ready to serve you in our fully accredited facility. Students learn in well equipped labs with the latest computer hardware and industry recommended software. Our well trained instructors are



constantly updating the curriculum to meet the demands and suit the needs of Southwest Florida's economy.

Since we opened in 1993 our students are still the most important element we have here at High Tech North. My office is always available; so if you have any questions or need assistance, please stop in.

Michael Schiffer, Director

Welcome by Cody Wheeler

Welcome to Tech Times!

If knowledge is power, then consider High Tech North a hydro-electric dam on the waterfall that is Cape Coral's job market. You can also imagine that High Tech North is a wind turbine, and the economy is a breeze that makes the fans turn. Or, you could compare High Tech North to a pair of AA batteries, and you are the remote control that changes the channel on a brand new, very expensive flat screen TV. One that you can now afford because you went to school to learn a vocation. Whether or not you choose to use a metaphor is up to you.

Since 1993, High Tech North has been a hub of learning, and a starting point for countless careers in the Lee County area. Whether you're looking to become a hair stylist or a surgery technician, HTN has something for everyone. Each class is supplied with up to date technology, and the instructors have both the experience



Cody Wheeler

and qualifications. In other words, they really know what they're talking about.

What follows is the work of actual HTN students. Whether you're thinking of enrolling, or if you're already a student, we hope you will enjoy this small taste of what High Tech North has to offer.



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A Bridge to a Brighter Future

by AJ Middleton

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HTN COURSES

Program	HTN Program Hours	Estimated Credit Hours Accredited (Edison)
Accounting Operations	900 Hours	6 Hours
Administrative Assistant	1050 Hours	18 Hours
Business Supervision & Management	900 Hours	9 Hours
Culinary Arts & Commercial Foods	1200 Hours	18 Hours
Computer Systems Technology I	900 Hours	12 Hours
Cosmetology (NEW)	1200 Hours	N/A
Digital Design	1200 Hours	9 Hours
Electronic Technology	1400 Hours	N/A
Medical Coder/ Biller Day or On-Line Program	1000 Hours	26 Hours
Medical Admin. Specialist	1050 Hours	18 Hours
Network Support - CISCO	1050 Hours	12 Hours
Nursing Assistant	120 Hours	N/A
Patient Care Assistant	290 Hours	N/A
Pharmacy Technician (New in 2011)	1050 Hours	40 Hours
PC Support Services	900 Hours	6 Hours
Practical Nursing - LPN	1350 Hours	10 Hours
Surgical Technology	1330 Hours	N/A
Web Design	1050 Hours	6-9 Hours
Web Programming	1200 Hours	9-12 Hours

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Student Showcase



Wuyen Tran- Cosmetology

cosmetology course she states "I want to learn as much as I possibly can to be prepared for the real world and to become employed while I'm still enrolled at Edison State College." She also says that people skills learned at HTN can help you to be more confident at a job interview. Wuyen also says the class is very informative and fun and most importantly, if anyone is seriously thinking about a career in cosmetology they should take the course here at HTN.

The student showcase is a roving review of students here at HTN.

by Jacob Beal and Kyle Mann

Wuyen Tran is currently dual enrolled at HTN and Edison State College. She really enjoys the environment at HTN and loves how everyone is very friendly and that it feels like family. When asked what she hopes to learn from her



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Pharmacy Technician coming soon to HTN

By Kyle Mann

Do you want to be knowledgeable of medication and it's administration? At HTN, you can to become certified as a Pharmacy Technician and possess all the essential requirements needed to be successful!

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Description: This program offers a variety of courses that provide valuable information and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards, relevant technical knowledge, and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in the Health Science career cluster. It includes competency based applied learning that contributes to academic knowledge, higher order reasoning, problem solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, occupational skills, and overall knowledge of all aspects of the Health Science career cluster.

The program is designed to prepare students for employment as a Pharmacy Technician or

Community Pharmacy technician or Pharmacy Aide.

The content includes metric system, medical terminology, medicinal drugs, pharmaceutical compounding, sterile techniques, maintenance of inventory, IV preparation, preparing purchase orders, receiving and checking supplies purchased, printing labels, typing prescription labels, delivering medications, pricing prescription drug orders and supplies, prepackaging unit dose packages, patient record systems, control records, data processing, computer application, employability skills, leadership, human relations skills, health and safety, including CPR.

Laboratory Activities: Laboratory activities are an essential part of this program. These activities include instruction in the use of safety procedures, tools, equipment, materials, and processes related to these occupations. Clinical practicum experience is an essential part of this course as well.

Pharmacy Technician Occupational

Completion Points (OCP's) provide a student with early completion training options linked to employment opportunities established by the Florida Department of Education based on Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system and accepted industry titles.

Admission Requirements: The program is available only to adults who have a high

school diploma or an equivalent. The State of Florida requires students to meet the minimum basic skills levels prior to program completion. Applicants must also register with the Board of Pharmacy (465.014 F.S.).

Pharmacy Courses

Course #	OCP	Course Name	Hours
HSC0003	A	Basic Health care Worker	90
PTN0080	B	Community Pharmacy Tech	360
PTN0082	C	Pharmacy Tech (1 of 2)	300
PTN0083	D	Pharmacy Tech (2 of 2)	300
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Cosmetology Tech: Introduction

By Jacob Beal and Hollie Low

One of the fantastic new programs at HTN is Cosmetology. Mrs. Karen Harding has been a devoted teacher at HTN for the past five years and specializes in cosmetology. Mrs. Harding has owned and operated her own salon for over 20 years. Instruction is designed to qualify students for employment upon successfully passing the Florida Cosmetology License Examination. Specialized classroom and practical experiences are concentrated with a variety of beauty treatments including beautification of hair, complexion, and hands. Students are given the knowledge, skills, and work experience for entry-level employment. During the course of this class students will learn the following:

- Proper equipment use, sanitation, and sterilization procedures.
- Hair styling, shampooing, rinses, and scalp treatments.
- Haircuts, hair coloring, permanent wave application, and hair straightening.
- Facial treatments, makeup application.
- Manicures and salon operations.

The great job opportunities available in this growing field are especially beneficial. The annual salary range can be from \$15,980 to \$43,250. (Numbers are based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Florida, May 2009). Another interesting fact is that other than real estate, the cosmetology industry is the largest individual population licensed by the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation. The cosmetology and beauty field is over a \$2 billion industry in Florida. If this sounds like something you have been looking for, High Tech North is your school. The cosmetology class is also available at the High Tech Central Campus (HTC) in Fort Myers. HTN is a friendly, open campus and financial aid assistance is available for those who qualify. Please stop by and spend a day as a visitor in one of the programs to see why High



Tech North is a first-class educational intuition.

Admission Requirements: The student will be given the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Dual Enrollment high school students and adults must be at least 16 years of age. Students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis following a test interpretation and an interview with a counselor.

Licensure/Certification: Students must pass a Florida State Board of Cosmetology in order to work in the cosmetology field.



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Staff Spotlight: Mr. Drake

by Walter Daniels

"I try to find humor in everyday life. I've had a lot of laughs while working at HTN, and I have too many funny stories to recount. I've seen a lot of changes at HTN in the last 13 years, from personnel changes, to technology classes offered, and I have enjoyed the challenges that have come along with all of those changes. I've done my best to provide excellent, cutting-edge, technological expertise for the staff and students, and I hope that I have made HTN a better place to work and attend school."

-Ted Drake

Mr. Drake is retiring soon. On February 28, 2011 he will have been working in the Lee County School System for 30 years, and has been with High Tech North Since 1996. After retirement Mr. Drake plans to start a personal computer consulting and repair business, as well as pursue his passion for making wood furniture and playing classical guitar.

Mr. Drake says he has always had an attraction for electronics. At the age of 9, he took apart his family's black and white television and put it back together. Mr. Drake says, "My mother was not too happy about it, but my father (a Methodist Minister) was glad to see that one of his 10 children showed an interest in fixing things."

After graduating from the University of Florida, he became a math teacher in the Lee County school system. In 1980 Apple 2E'S were being introduced into the educational field and he took interest in them.

In 1992, he purchased his first home computer, a 286 system, and was fascinated by how it worked, so he took it apart and put it back together. Then Mr. Drake subsequently owned more and more powerful machines. Mr. Drake says, "It has been an interesting journey, to be a part of the evolution of the personal computer, networking, and the internet."

Mr. Drake says, "HTN is a unique school

where each student has a computer, and I'm responsible for hundreds of computers. Trying to balance available resources with technological developments efficiently and in a timely manner is a daily challenge."

On the day of this interview, Mr. Drake's schedule has been: Arrive at 6:30 a.m. and check the tech help e-mails that have come in, and then did what ever was needed to correct those problems.

By the time the staff arrived, he's recieved calls to let him know that the voicemail system was down and someones computer wasn't working properly. After fixing those problems, several stopped him in the halls to tell him about a non-working printer and a phone that needs fixing. Then a shipment of 30 computers arrived, so he had to unpack, set them up and network them. Mr. Drake says, "It makes for a busy day."

One of Mr. Drakes hobbies is wood working, and something he looks forward to doing more of. An example of his work is in the above photo. To catch more of his fine talent, go to: www.tedstabletops.mysite.com



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REJECTED CLASS IDEAS

New courses are offered at High Tech North all the time. Here are some classes that didn't make the cut...



Lumber jacking



Ghost busting



Tech Times Word Search

by AJ Middleton



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Student Showcase

by Jacob Beal and Kyle Mann

Gary Wilson is a networking student at High Tech North.

When asked why High Tech North, Gary Wilson replied; "Because of the affordable cost, the location, and the offering of the CISCO program." He mentioned that he wanted a job in network administration, preferably a place such as Century Link or Comcast after his completion of the Networking program. He noted that the method of teaching here is self-paced and business like.

Gary was asked if he was planning on any further schooling after HTN and he responded that yes, he plans on getting more certifications to further benefit himself but he's not positive on what he'll be studying next.



Gary Wilson- Networking



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