



**NORTHEAST IOWA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Waukon Center



Hello from Hollee



As we near the end of another successful term, I can't help but ask, "Where does the time go?" I believe the old adage "time flies when you're having fun" comes into play here. At the Waukon Center, we are having fun; what is more fun and fulfilling than changing lives and enabling success? Let me update you on the Northeast Iowa Community College Waukon Center!

A New Face at the Waukon Center



Cindy Curtin

It is with extreme pleasure that I share the news of our new part-time employee, Cindy Curtin. Cindy is a familiar face and understands the center and our vision; she has been an Iowa Communications Network (ICN) Monitor at the center since 2008. In an effort to better serve all students, especially those with accommodation needs, we were able to hire an individual to "coach and empower" students 24 hours a week. Cindy helps students with study skills, preparing for tests,

computer issues, proofreading papers and much more. Cindy is a long time Waukon resident, she is married to Reggie and they are the parents of four children and have four grandchildren. Cindy's caring, kind and organized disposition is a perfect match when working with students. Students are already taking advantage of her presence, by scheduling appointments to ensure ample time to work with her.

Cindy states, "I have not found a single student who I do not enjoy working with! Every student is unique, but they all have goals and I enjoy helping them strive towards reaching them. Seeing the students enjoy success is very rewarding." Having Cindy present in the center has certainly been a benefit for everyone!

The Numbers are In

Collecting and analyzing data, then developing a strategy based on that data, has become an area that we focus heavily on. We have been utilizing this data to assist in planning classes, recruiting and retaining students and providing the best services possible.

In Fall 2012, Allamakee Community School District students occupied 223 seats in 33 different Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) courses at the Waukon Center. High school students are currently enrolled in 813 NICC credit hours!

This fall the NICC Waukon Center was home to 47 students in the community who took a total of 215 credits. These students ranged in age from 17-55. Each is unique and we are privileged to serve this diverse group. Some students may not take classes at our location, but choose to complete their academic advising and registration at the center. Over 40 students registered at the center for their NICC Spring 2013 term. Maintaining a close connection with students and earning their trust and respect is something that the Waukon Center staff prides itself on.



Happy Fifth Birthday Waukon Center!

It was five years ago this month that I accepted the position of Waukon Center Coordinator and we opened our doors! When I first started the classrooms were completely empty and I recall sitting on my office floor with papers scattered everywhere, fastidiously trying to decide "where to start?" A desk was a good first step!

Equipment and students began to filter in January of 2008. We have steadily grown and improved in the number of students, classes, equipment and services offered at the center. The following are just a few of the improvements that have occurred at the Waukon Center in the past five years:

- Improved technology, including versatile teaching podiums, wireless internet, phone systems in the classrooms, ICN and server upgrades
- Improved safety measures, including installation of security cameras
- Continual increase in credit and non-credit class offerings
- Increased facilitation of Business/Industry training sessions
- Increased partnerships with civic organizations, such as Allamakee Economic Development, Waukon Chamber of Commerce, Lansing Main Street Matters, etc.
- Implementation of an Advisory Board Committee

Business and Community Solutions

What was formerly known as Continuing Education division of the College is now Business and Community Solutions. The name change came as a result of Continuing Education needing a name that was more indicative of the various services offered under the umbrella of this dynamic division.

Life & Leisure classes, certificate training, business and industry training and skills upgrades are all part of this division. Through December 2012, the Waukon Center has served 244 individuals with NICC Business and Community Solutions classes, events and programs.

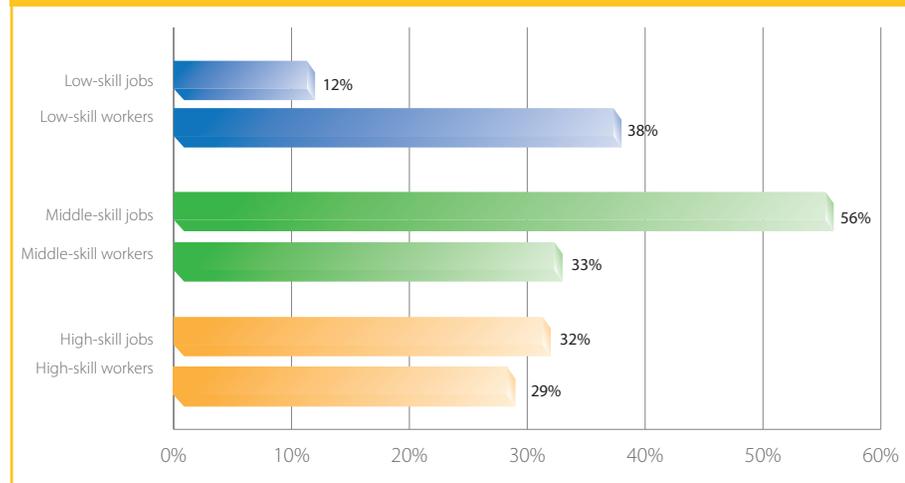
Visit www.nicc.edu/solutions to search and register for classes.

Regional Labor Market: Middle-skilled Labor Force

Middle-skill jobs represent about half of Iowa's employment, requiring more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year degree. These careers require training that can be obtained in two years or less at Northeast Iowa Community College's campuses, centers and online, through our credit and non-credit course offerings.

Iowa's Jobs and Workers by Skill Level (2011)

Source: Labor Force and Occupational Analysis Bureau, Iowa Workforce Development



Examples of Middle-skill careers or occupations include:

- Computer Support Specialists
- Engineering Technicians
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Industrial Maintenance Technicians
- Firefighters
- Carpenters
- Machinists
- Welders
- Chemical Lab Technicians

What's New

Financial Aid Open House

February | Watch for details!

Student and parents are encouraged to attend this informative evening to learn more about the financial aid process.

Community Visit Night

April 22 | 4 – 7 p.m.

Stop in and visit with Northeast Iowa Community College about programs of study, Business and Community Solutions courses, financial aid resources, scholarship opportunities and much more!

Spring 2013

Life and Leisure Classes

Crocheting For Rookies

Bread Making

Social Media Crash Course

Computers for Adult Learners, Levels I & II

Rocker Revival

Sustainability

T-Shirt Scarves

Artsy Adornments

Rustic Renovations

Vegetarian Cooking

Call or stop in today to explore the possibilities available in our region and at Northeast Iowa Community College!

Learn More.

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