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Miami Valley CTC benefits from boom in medical field

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CLAYTON — The Miami Valley Career
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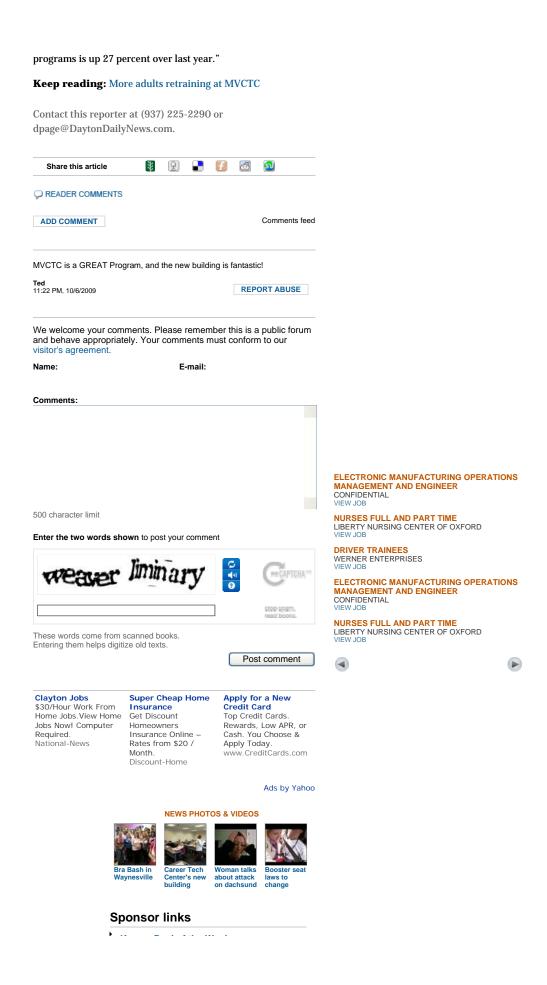
At least 90 percent of the adult students are using various federal and state programs for retraining, many of them former General Motors and Delphi workers.

Half of the new building is dedicated to the medical and health training programs with labs that have the look and feel of hospital wards. There is plenty of classroom space for eight long-term medical/health programs and a plethora of short-time programs.

Students should have lots of room, much more than the space the CTC used to rent at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

"We were crammed into the classroom," said Deana Myers of Clayton, who is nine weeks away from completing her LPN training.

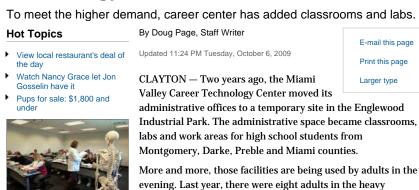
"We are maxed out in enrollment," said Ben VanWye, adult education director. "Overall, enrollment in the 16 long-term





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 Sep 24 equipment operating program. This year there are 26.
"We needed to rent more equipment to satisfy the class

demand," said Ben VanWye, adult education director.

He said the school is attracting more former GM and Delphi workers. "There's been a steady flow of them the past few years, but never this large," he said.

Deana Myers — a student in the licensed practical nurse program housed in school's new \$6.5 million administrative and adult education center in Clayton across Hoke Road from the main campus — is at the CTC because her husband lost his GM job. Besides going to school "part-time," Myers is the mother of four and works nearly 40 hours a week.

After graduation, the family is moving to Tennessee where there is more demand for licensed practical nurses and more chance for her husband to land a job. The move is tough for her children in the Northmont school district.

"But I've told them, we can stay here and starve, or we can move to Tennessee and eat," she said.

Like Myers, Malkia Johnson also is a mother holding down a nearly full-time job. Both have attended class three days a week, eight hours each day.

"This is my chance to move up," said Johnson, who is expecting her third child later this year.

"I've been working as a nurse's aide. But an LPN can make \$18 to \$23 an hour."

She said she plans to stay in the Dayton area.

The cost of the two-year course is \$10,000. Myers is paying for

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"It will pay off," Johnson said as Myers nodded in agreement.

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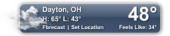


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A view of the student lounge at the new Adult Education/Administration building at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. The CTC is opening \$6.5 million building across the road from the high school campus at 6801 Hoke Rd., Clayton.

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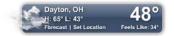
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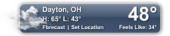
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