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MVCTC Offering New Adult Education Program for Optometric Technician

Clayton, Ohio – Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Adult Education is offering a new program for adult learners, **Optometric Technician**. This new class provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to assist the optometrist. Students with the skills learned in this program would assist in testing patients' vision, providing frame styling services, and instructing patients in contact lens handling. They would also administer vision therapy programs prescribed by the optometrist.

Optometric Technicians inform patients of what is involved in examination and treatment procedures, eliminate unnecessary fears, and build the patient's confidence in the treatment program. Some technicians do laboratory work, modify conventional contact lenses, keep inventories of clinical materials, and maintain instruments. Some have office management responsibilities. In all cases, these duties are under the supervision and guidance of the employing optometrist.

The Optometric Technician program is a 48-week program that will be in the new MVCTC Adult Education building on the Hoke Road campus in Clayton. The class requires students to first complete the MVCTC Adult Education enrollment process, Work Keys Assessment, and have required Immunizations. MVCTC

Adult Education does have financial aid opportunities available for those that qualify.

MVCTC Adult Education Winter Quarter classes start on Monday, January 4, 2010. Testing for the full-time programs is happening now so that students can start classes in January. If students are interested in registering for these courses, they need to set up appointments for assessment by calling 937-854-6297.

For more information, please visit http://ae.mvctc.com or call 800-716-7161. As the needs of the Miami Valley's workforce are redefined, you can count on the Miami Valley Career Technology Center to provide students, employers, and communities with the skills needed to help put people back to work.

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