



Adult Education Division

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This Month's Highlights

The Central Nine Adult Continuing Education Program was recently afforded the opportunity to apply for \$8,000 to develop a medical coder career certification program. The funds are part of the region's innovation grant awarded by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The grant will be used to pay for instructor salaries, purchase additional materials, supplies, and test vouchers for students. The Medical Coder Program is one of the two career certification programs Central Nine was recently approved to offer as part of the WorkIN Training Program for adult learners.

Central Nine Career Center continues to be a leader in approved Career Certification Programs within our region (Marion County and surrounding counties {Region 5}). Our school now has nine programs listed on DWD's INTraining website. Of those listed, six qualify as Career Certification Programs for eligible WorkOne clients. Central Nine is also looking into developing additional Career Certification Programs in the areas of Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Machine Operator and Auto Service Technician.

The Adult Basic and Continuing Education Program has served over 1,111 students since July 1, 2012. These services have generated almost \$100,000 in revenue and include services related to GED Testing, GED/ESL classes, GED Practice Testing, Proctoring Services, NCCT Testing, and Adult Continuing Education on-campus and online courses.

Central Nine's Adult Basic Education Program served almost 800 adult learners during the 2011-12 program year and **currently has enrolled 500 GED/ESL students in GED/ESL classes to date.** We provide enrolled students with not only more than 12 class sites that now offer 18 classes but also 24-hour access to adult basic education instructional lessons, activities, and self-assessments. We are proud to announce our newest location at the Salvation Army Community Center in Fountain Square! This new location will provide GED and ESL classes for the residents in southern Marion County. We are thankful for this opportunity to expand our services to the residents of this community and we look forward to our new partnership with the Salvation Army.

As a final note, I would like to thank Dr. Hagen, the Board, and the members of Central Nine's Adult Education Division for the opportunity to serve for the past six years. The key to student success and achievement remains in our faculty and staff's dedication and passion for educating adult learners.