

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & WORK-BASED LEARNING Newsletter published by Edison State Community College

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Our employer services and resources include:

 Customized Training and Skill **Development** 

- Leadership and Personal Enrichment
- Courses
- **Job Posting** and **Recruitment** Services
- Edison State Works—Connect with students on our campus, in-person
- Earn and Learn—Apprenticeships, Internships and Co-ops

To start a discussion on Workforce Development & Work-Based Learning options, contact Brandi Olberding at 937.381.1533 or bolberding@edisonohio.edu.

# Collaborating with Community Colleges to Address HR Priorities

In 2025, Human Resource leaders face critical challenges in leadership development, cultural alignment, workforce planning, change management, and optimizing HR technology. These focus areas are essential to navigating workforce complexities and positioning organizations for long-term success. Key strategic priorities include developing managers, embedding organizational culture, strategic workforce planning, managing change and optimizing HR Technology. Edison State highlights the following from the source reference:

### **Leadership and Supervisor Development**

Organizations are emphasizing continuous learning models and real-world applications to prepare managers for evolving business challenges. Peer collaborations and leadership challenges are vital for developing skills needed in complex

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### Collaborating with Community Colleges... (continued)

environments. Edison State Community College's Office of Workforce Development & Work-Based Learning can partner with employers to design custom leadership training programs. Ask about our Emerging Leaders Series designed to equip manufacturing team leaders with essential skills.

#### **Managing Change**

The rapid pace of organizational change often leads to burnout. Strategies like clear communication, supportive measures, and training in change management for leaders are necessary to maintain employee engagement. Edison State's change management workshops, e.g., Embracing Change and Driving Change, equip leaders with tools to guide teams effectively during transitions.

#### **Optimizing HR Technology**

Despite advanced tools, many organizations underutilize HR technologies. Generative AI is emerging as a transformative solution for streamlining processes and improving decisionmaking. To address this, Edison State Community College offers workshops, ensuring employees are equipped to maximize these tools. Check out the Morning Mentor programs on page 5.

#### **Community Impact**

Edison State Community College's Office of Workforce Development & Work-Based Learning serves as a bridge between academic learning and employer needs. By collaborating on customized training programs, certifications, and workshops, the college supports workforce readiness, reduces skills gaps, and enhances local economic growth. These partnerships help businesses stay competitive and employees succeed in their careers.

Source: Liana Passantino and Maggie Schroeder-O'Neal, www.gartner.com, October 21, 2024

# 25 Summer Symposium for HR Professionals

Thursday | August 7, 2025 PIOUA CAMPUS

Join us for a day of networking and the sharing of best practices and partnerships all centered around a human resources strategy.

Breakout topics include:

- Al Technology for the HR Professional
  - Employment Law
- Mental Health/Emotional Intelligence
- Recruiting and Retention Strategies



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### **College Credit** for Prior Learning

Get credit for what you already know!

Get credit for workplace training, military training and service, professional certifications and volunteer activities. For more information, contact Roger Fulk by calling **937.381.1547** or emailing rfulk@edisonohio.edu.

### Workforce Training—Online Courses

Approved. Teaming up with **ed2qo**, Edison State presents a range of online enrollment programs crafted to equip individuals with essential workplace skills. Visit www.ed2go.com/edisonohio to explore options or to register.

Featured courses include:

For more information or assistance with registration, contact Roger Fulk at **937.381.1547** or email rfulk@edisonohio.edu.

Six Sigma: Total Quality Fundamentals Learn the fundamentals, history and key concepts of the total quality movement. This course will teach you how to increase the value of your company through motivational models, leadership, teamwork and quality standards.

**\$135** | 24 COURSE HOURS START DATES | February 12, March 12, April 16

Computer Skills for the Workplace This course includes a great introduction to Windows 10 and Office 365 to provide the fundamental computer competencies you need to prosper in a modern workplace.

\$129 | 24 COURSE HOURS START DATES | February 12, March 12, April 16

Introduction to Microsoft Excel Learn to quickly and efficiently use Microsoft Excel 2019 as you discover dozens of shortcuts and tricks for setting up fully formatted worksheets.

\$147 | 24 COURSE HOURS START DATES | February 12, March 12, April 16

Introduction to QuickBooks Manage the financial aspects of your small business quickly and efficiently using QuickBooks Online. This course will give you

hands-on experience recording income and expenses; entering checks and credit card payments; tracking your payables, inventory and receivables and much more.

Many online programs are

TechCred-

\$139 | 24 COURSE HOURS START DATES | February 12, March 12, April 16

Fundamentals of Technical Writing Master the fundamental techniques to explain complex subjects in a way that makes them easy to understand.

\$135 | 24 COURSE HOURS START DATES | February 12, March 12, April 16

**Speed Spanish** Learn six easy recipes to glue Spanish words together and engage in conversational Spanish.

\$125 | 24 COURSE HOURS START DATES | February 12, March 12, April 16



If you would like to host a secondary student for a work-based learning experience, contact Edison State Tech Prep Coordinator, Deb Holthaus at 937.778.7891 or dholthaus@edisonohio.edu.

**WORK-BASED LEARNING** 









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**CompTIA Security Certification** Boost your cybersecurity career and yearly income by obtaining your CompTIA Security+ certification! According to CompTIA, five of the top six security jobs have annual salaries of \$90,000 or higher, with some exceeding \$127,000. The Security+ certification is widely recognized and wellrespected in the IT industry and it will validate your skills and help you gain top-paying employment. OPEN ENROLLMENT/SELF-PACED Voucher Included \$1,995 | 85 COURSE HOURS-6 MONTH COURSE

Scan the code for more information and to register.





#### SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

## 2025

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERIES

These workshops are designed for new supervisors or line leaders. The series will help supervisors develop leadership skills, learn how to supervise former peers and build communication and conflict resolution skills. Materials included.

Sign up for the series below for \$450/person or attend the session(s) of your choice for \$175/person.

#### **Peer Today, Boss Tomorrow**

Making the leap from peer to boss is never easy. New managers frequently struggle to balance their old coworker relationships with their new management responsibilities. This course presents four proven strategies that will help you navigate changing relationships and prepare for difficult situations that you are likely to encounter as you assume your new role.

Wednesday | February 19, 2025 | 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **PIQUA CAMPUS** 

#### **Building and Sustaining Trust**

This course introduces Trust Builders— SHRM-CP | SHRM-SCP actions leaders can take to build and RECERTIFICATION sustain trusting relationships as well as those things that can erode or break **PROVIDER** trust. Leaders will learn to develop authenticity, aiming toward a culture of trust and applying the skills that enable you to take risks, identify and solve problems, and collaborate to

achieve results. \*This workshop is worth 4 PDCs for SHRM-CP or SHRM-SCP. Wednesday | March 12, 2025 | 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**PIQUA CAMPUS** 

#### **Resolving Workplace Conflict**

Today's business environment challenges organizations to increase productivity, improve quality, shorten cycle time and reduce costs. An unfortunate but natural by-product of these challenges is conflict. This course will teach you



SHRM -

how to recognize the signs of escalating conflict and take appropriate action to minimize damage. You will be introduced to two resolution tactics—coach and mediate and will practice using the Interaction Essentials as you coach and then mediate to resolve a conflict.

\*This workshop is worth 4 PDCs for SHRM-CP or SHRM-SCP.

Wednesday | April 16, 2025 | 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **PIQUA CAMPUS** 



#### **SHRM-CP/SCP Prep Course for** the Human Resource Professional

Enhance your HR knowledge and skills to earn the advancement and recognition you deserve as an HR professional. Our expert instructors and premier learning



materials will help fill your unique knowledge and skill gaps to maximize your chances for success on your SHRM-CP or SHRM-SCP exam. Online classes meet just once a week!

> Tuesdays | January 21-April 15, 2025 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. | ONLINE **\$1.495**

\*Includes books and a prepaid voucher to sit for the certifying exam upon eligibility.

#### FREE **Virtual Information Session** Tuesday, January 7, 2025 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Via Zoom

#### www.edisonohio.edu/SHRM

For more information, contact Trisha Elliott-SHRM Coordinator, at 937.778.7811 or email telliott2@edisonohio.edu.

#### MORE SPRING OFFERINGS

**Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets** for Beginners-Level 1

**FEE \$89** 

Friday | April 4, 2025 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | PIQUA CAMPUS

**Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets Intermediate-Level 2** | **Look-Up Functions** 

**FEE \$89** 

Friday | May 2, 2025

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | PIQUA CAMPUS

\*Microsoft courses can be tailored for delivery at our site or at yours.

Don't see a topic that meets your leadership development needs?

Call for a list of instructor-led leadership courses for onsite customized training. Contact Trisha Elliott at 937.778.7811 or email telliott2@edisonohio.edu.



### Interns in Action

"During my internship, I've focused on supporting Crane's philanthropic efforts by coordinating volunteering events with organization leaders. I assist with administrative tasks and handle office duties to ensure smooth daily operations. Another responsibility I have is planning employee events that foster community and engagement within the organization. This experience helps me develop valuable skills in organization, communication, and teamwork while making a meaningful contribution to a positive workplace culture and giving back to the community."

Need an intern? For more information, contact Roger Fulk at 937.381.1547 or by emailing rfulk@edisonohio.edu.



**INNOVATE & IGNITE: Evening Inspiration for Entrepreneurs** In this workshop, we will delve into important factors to consider when evaluating the feasibility of starting a business, including barriers to entry, assessment of the market for your potential product/service, financial viability, and more. By the end of the session, you will have a clearer understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, as well as the knowledge and tools to make an informed decision about starting your own successful business. To foster engagement and collaboration, we will facilitate a group brainstorming session where you will receive constructive feedback on your idea—giving you an opportunity to refine and enhance your concept with the input of your peers. Presented by Kim Klopfenstein, Director, Miami Valley SBDC, Entrepreneurs' Center



**Small Business Development Centers** 

Thursday, April 10, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Morning Mentons Contact us today to register!

TechCred: A Guide to Understanding the Technical Training Reimbursement Program This FREE virtual workshop will help employers understand the TechCred training reimbursement program. We will explore the concept of the program, navigate the website, and gain tools to make the application process easy. Through TechCred, employers can identify the skills they need and collaborate with training providers to upskill their employees. When training is successfully completed, employers can receive a reimbursement of up to \$2,000 per credential/ certificate earned. March is an open application period. Presented by Derek Chancellor-Southwest Ohio Regional Liaison, Office of Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Brandi Olberding-Edison State

> Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. **ONLINE**

Emotional Intelligence and Mental Health in the Workplace

This virtual training explores the essential connection between emotional intelligence and mental health in professional settings. Participants will learn how to recognize and manage emotions effectively, foster empathy, and build supportive workplace relationships. The session will provide practical strategies for promoting mental well-being, reducing stress, and creating a positive and resilient work environment. Perfect for leaders, teams, and individuals aiming to enhance collaboration and mental health awareness. Presented by Julia Rose (CHES, OCPS) and Brad Reed, Tri County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services

> Thursday, March 6, 2025 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. ONLINE

Al at Work: Unlocking Productivity with ChatGPT \$10

Discover the potential of generative AI tools like ChatGPT in this engaging 1-hour virtual mentor session designed for professionals. Learn how to navigate and effectively use AI to streamline tasks, enhance creativity, and boost productivity. With hands-on exploration, you'll gain practical insights to seamlessly integrate these powerful tools into your daily workflow. Presented by Tommy Renfro, Learning & Development Manager, Shook Construction and Professional Educator

Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. |



## **Blended Learning for Manufacturing Training Solutions**

### 2025

These programs are a blend of online learning and handson learning labs. When the online portion is completed, students proceed to a hands-on learning lab with an experienced instructor to validate and reinforce the online learning experience and to meet your specific training needs. All programs are TechCred-approved.

#### **CNC MACHINE TOOL OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

The CNC Machine Tool Operator Training Program equips employees with the skills needed to be successful CNC operators by offering a blend of online learning and handson validation learning labs. The program is divided into five subject areas:

- Safety, Math & Measurements
- Manual Mill
- Manual Lathe
- CNC Mill
- CNC Lathe

6-month program | In person once/month Classes designed to start anytime College credit and funding available All course modules are open to customization

\$2,495/person

#### MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN ESSENTIALS PROGRAM

The Maintenance Technician Essentials Program equips employees with the skills needed to be successful maintenance technicians by offering a blend of online learning and hands-on validation labs. The program is divided into subject areas:

- Shop Practice & Measurements
- Maintenance Basics
- Mechanical Systems
- Hydraulics & Pneumatics
- Basic Electricity
- Industrial Controls
- Advanced Industrial Controls
- Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs)
- Advanced Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs)
- Robotics

\$4,995/person 9-month program | In person once/month Classes designed to start anytime College credit and funding available All course modules are open to customization

#### FUNDAMENTAL WELDING PROGRAM

This program familiarizes the participant to welding and cutting processes, including shielded metal arc (Stick), gas metal arc (MIG), gas tungsten arc (TIG) and validation lab experiences. Labs also introduce the participant to cutting processes, oxyacetylene and plasma cutting to develop welding and cutting skills by performing the basic processes on steel and aluminum. The program will guide the participant through the following subject areas:

Safety Practices for Hot Work

\$995/person

- Welding Metallurgy Basics
- Plasma Cutting/Oxyacetylene
- Stick Welding
- MIG and TIG Welding
- Review and Practice

Registration can begin anytime. Modules are customizable and can be tailored to fit your specific training needs.

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Edison State is a member of the West Central Ohio Manufacturing Partnership (WCOMP). WCOMP is a manufacturing-led 'industry sector partnership' created to solve the common workforce training, retention and recruitment challenges of its participating member manufacturers. In partnership with







Learn more about the TechCred Employer Reimbursement **Program** See page 8.

#### UPSKILL AND RETAIN YOUR MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE

#### PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER (PLCS) TRAINING

ControlLogix/Studio 5000 (16 hours)

This course will assist in developing and building a solid \$795/person foundation with a fundamental knowledge of ControlLogix and other Logix5000™ systems. Participants will be introduced to basic Logix5000 concepts and terminology, as well as being exposed to Logix5000 system hardware, including hands-on experience with the ControlLogix platform, through a variety of hands-on exercises using a SMC FMS 200, flexible automation cell system workstation. No prerequisite needed. **TECHCRED-APPROVED** 

Friday | March 7 & 14, 2025 | 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **PIQUA CAMPUS** 

#### **INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL CONTROLS FUNDAMENTALS** (32 hours)

This course is designed to provide knowledge and skills \$995/person required to install, maintain and troubleshoot machine controls. Participants will define uses and functions of push buttons and switches, relays and motors and demonstrate the reading of schematic diagrams and logic. Participants will learn to identify proper wiring configurations of a control transformer's primary current for 240v and 480v operation. Many other core competencies will be demonstrated during the 32-hour workshop. TECHCRED-APPROVED

Thursdays/Fridays | February 20-21 & 27-28, 2025 | 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **PIQUA CAMPUS** 

Thursdays/Fridays | April 3-4 & 10-11, 2025 | 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **PIQUA CAMPUS** 

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#### THE NEXT STEP: EMERGING LEADERS SERIES-SPRING 2025

This 3-step program is designed to equip manufacturing team leads with essential leadership skills using a blended learning model with interactive sessions. The leadership series includes workshops on Peer Today, Boss Tomorrow, Coaching—Moving People Forward, Resolving Workplace Conflict, and Excel Levels 1 & 2, along with online courses to supplement the in-person lessons.

Inquire about our special pricing for West Central Ohio Manufacturing Partnership (WCOMP) members.



#### **Understanding the Reports**

Edison State can guide you in comprehending your Everything DiSC® Workplace profiles through interactive workshops facilitated by our group leaders. Contact us to learn more.



### **Optimize Your Recruitment** and Advancement Procedures

SKILL MANAGEMENT THROUGH **PROCTORING SERVICES** 

If you're seeking to bring a new technician on board, consider our RAMSAY proctoring services tailored for technical and aptitude assessments, serving both pre-employment and promotional purposes. RAMSAY tests evaluate a spectrum of technical and foundational skills, offering crucial insights for assessing maintenance, production and operator workforces enabling you to refine and enhance your recruitment, training and promotion procedures.

# We want to hear from you!

The Office of Workforce Development & Work-Based Learning is interested in learning how we can be of service to your organization. Edison State is dedicated to our community, and this survey will assist us in evaluating and meeting our stakeholders' needs. One lucky winner will receive a \$50 Speedway gas card and five lucky winners will be selected to receive a \$10 Winans gift card for completing the survey by March 1. Scan the code to begin the survey. Thank you!



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# Ohio TechCred Take Advantage of TechCred— A Reimbursable Training Program for Employers

With Edison State as a training partner, employers will have access to numerous short-term, technologyfocused and industry-recognized credentials which qualify for funding by Ohio's TechCred program. In fact, employers can be reimbursed up to \$2,000/per employee for training costs once the employee has successfully completed a credential.

Edison State offers certificates that qualify for TechCred in the areas of Apprenticeships, Business Technology, Customized Training, Healthcare Technology, Information Technology, Cybersecurity, Manufacturing and Robotics/Automation.

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