



Career Pathways Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- Career Week
- The New PLATO Learning Environment
- Student Spotlight: Christy Dewey
- Dates and Information

Director's Message

The 2010-2011 academic year turned into another successful year for the ASUMH Career Pathways Initiative program. We exceeded the goals for enrollment, new students, TEA (Transitional Employment Assistance) recipients, and employment. It was just announced that we also met our goal for retained employment for those em-

ployed during the previous year.

We are pleased with the success of the program as a whole and our achievements prove that. However, the greatest testament to our success is in each family that has been impacted. We realize that this is due in large part to the drive and determination of the individual student. Our students have made

great sacrifices juggling the commitment of family and school. The entire staff of ASUMH CPI program is grateful to play a role in those accomplishments.

Our staff is committed to the success of our students. Please come by and see us if we can be of any assistance.

*-Jackie Edmonds,
Director*

Important Dates

Career Week	Nov. 14-18
Pre-registration	Open Now
Last Day to Withdraw	Nov. 18
Breaks	Nov. 21-26 & Dec. 13-Jan. 17
CPI Office Closed	Nov. 24-25 Dec. 23-30
Single Parent Scholarship	Dec. 15 Deadline
Childcare Appointments	Dec. 19-20
Spring Semester Begins	Jan. 17

ASUMH Presents Career Week

Career Week represents a joint effort between the ASUMH Career Placement, Title III and Career Pathways offices. The week long event will be an opportunity for students to explore career opportunities, meet with employers, participate in mock interviews. Daily events will begin Monday, November 14th and end on Friday, November 18th. The event is open to every ASUMH student. Registration is preferred for Friday's events.

Here is a schedule of the week's events:

Monday, November 14 th	"Career Week Kickoff "	-intro to the weeks activities with skits, videos, and a speaker.
Tuesday, November 15 th	"Dress for Success" Fashion Show	-the do's and don'ts of interview attire
Wednesday, November 16 th	"Get LinkedIn"	-marketing yourself in the information age
Thursday, November 17 th	"Mock Interview Day"	-schedule and record a mock interview with a professional
Friday, November 18 th	"Employability Workshop"	-an afternoon filled with breakout sessions discussing the interview and résumé in addition to an employer panel

Introducing the Plato Learning Environment

The Plato Learning Environment is the latest software from PLATO Learning Inc. The ASUMH CPI program is proud to offer this software to our students. This semester starts the fifth year of partnership between PLATO Inc. and the ASUMH CPI program. Throughout the partnership, the PLATO systems have provided exceptional development of student skills in the areas of Reading, Writing, Math, and Compass

preparation. The PLATO Learning Environment provides even more opportunities for student success.

The new features include pre-and post-tests. The pre-tests allow students to access their knowledge and skills in a particular academic discipline. The pre-tests will exempt students from certain areas in which they are already proficient. This allows the student's progress to be efficient.

Working with the PLATO software may allow you to test out of college preparatory classes, saving you time and avoiding the use of Pell Grant funds, which can be exhausted. If you have already begun a college class you, are not allowed to retest in that area.

If you are interested in the new PLATO software, please contact our office.

**“Achievement seems to be connected with action. Successful men and women keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don’t quit.”
-Conrad Hilton**

CPI Student Spotlight - Christy Dewey, EMT

Our Student Spotlight comes from a testimonial directly from the student:

AR Career Pathways was very instrumental in my completion of my EMT class. I am a wife and mother of two children and our family is on a tight budget, without the assistance of Career Pathways I don't believe I would have been able to take the class at the time that I did. The gas allowance helped me to get back and forth to the class and knowing that my text book and other needed supplies were going to be covered was a great burden lifted off my shoulders. I am currently a para-professional and bus driver for the Cotter School district, and also a

fire fighter at the Gassville Fire Department. Since receiving my EMT certification from ASU, I have been able to serve the community of Gassville not only as a fire fighter but now also as an EMT. I have also recently started working part-time as an EMT for Ozark EMS in Calico Rock. I am a people person and love having the opportunity to serve both the Gassville and Calico Rock communities. Without the help of AR Career Pathways I would not be able to serve these communities in the capacity in which I now do! Thank you AR Career Pathways!!!

-Christy Dewey



Christy is pictured above (far right) with two fellow firefighters.

Attention All Students!

Keep in mind that your status is good for one year. Too keep your file current, please see us about updating your file.

Reminder for those receiving gas vouchers or child-care assistance: Please return your attendance/work-verification sheet before the 10th of the month.

Sarah's Workplace Wisdom



Each job search begins with a plan and tools. Before jumping into an internet search, make

sure you are aware of the employer expectations, the style of résumé that should be used, proper appearance for the interview, and the interview environment. Preparing students for success is what I enjoy. Contact me with any questions

-Sarah Brozynski, CSSF

Jeff's Academic Advice



Make sure your advisor is fully aware of your intentions after graduation. You need to

ensure your degree will lead to the job or advance degree that you want. It never hurts to have a second opinion. Come by the Career Pathways office, and I'll be glad to sit down and discuss your plans with you.

-Jeff Obert, Counselor



Career Pathways Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- Poverty Simulation Workshop
- The Career Readiness Certificate
- Spotighting Recent Nursing Graduates
- Open House

Director's Message

I want to begin by welcoming everyone to another great year at ASUMH Career pathways, with a special welcome to those new pathway students. Each new academic year brings about a sense of excitement and anticipation. I would like to think every student starts the year excited about what they

have chosen to study and happy with their choices. Our job at Career Pathways is to support you in realizing your goals. Each of you plays an important role in fulfilling our mission here at ASUMH Career Pathways. I wish each of you the very best for a successful year.

-Jackie Edmonds



Pictured above is the incentive award given to the ASUMH CPI program for the completion of goals set by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Service.

ASUMH CPI Provides Community with Poverty Simulation

The ASUMH Career Pathways Initiative, along with the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation hosted a poverty simulation on Oct. 21st for local community leaders, volunteers, and educators. More than 80 people participated representing 26 different organizations. Participants were asked to simulate different types of family situations. Many of those who had participated in a simulation prior served in a variety of roles as resources. Some of the roles assigned were: children in

poverty stricken households, parents trying to care for children, single parents, and seniors relying on Social Security. Participants replicated the challenges of one month of living with their situation while trying to provide food, shelter, and other basic necessities. Participants learned exactly how hard providing those needs can be without the proper resources. They also realized some of the opportunities to help remove barriers that exist when one lacks these

resources. Facilitation for the event came from the staff of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education that is specifically assigned to work with the CPI sites at the state's two-year colleges. The team had received certification from the Missouri Association for Community Action that created the model used in this simulation. Funding came from a planning grant provided by The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

Important Dates

Pre-Registration for Spring and Summer	Now-Dec. 7
Fall Break	Nov. 22-26
Campus Closed	Nov. 25-26 Dec. 20-31
Finals	Dec. 8-14
Spring Classes Begin	Jan. 10

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The CRC: Helping You Get There

The Career Readiness Certificate is an assessment tool offered via the WorkKeys assessments, an ACT authorized test. The state of Arkansas began offering the test in 2008 through local DWS offices and the state's community college system. To this day, the Career Pathways Initiative at ASUMH has awarded over 120 certificates to CPI students.

The WorkKeys assessments evaluate an individual's basic workplace skills in three tar-

geted areas: Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information. These are areas considered universally needed in the job market. Reading for Information tests one's comprehension through work-related materials such as memos, bulletins, manuals, and regulations. Applied Mathematics uses mathematical reasoning to solve work-related problems. Locating Information tests one's ability to interpret and utilize materials such as diagrams,

charts, tables, graphs, and forms.

The Career Readiness Certificate is awarded at three different levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The Certificate would make a great addition to any resumé. Several companies in the area are already using the certificate for hiring with more considering implementation.

For more information, contact Gary Phillips at 508-6212.

“Education helps one cease being intimidated by strange situations.”

-Maya Angelou

CPI Congratulates Nursing Graduates

CNA

Cristy Porting

Katia Reed

Ryan Wilson

Lindsey Hardin

Bonnie Peterson

Cody Sutterfield

LPN

Brooke Barger

Christy Crotts

Angelia Davis

Sheryl Denstedt

Kenisa Forman

Scarlett Foster

Amanda Holland

Darlene Kendall

Mary Kibbe

Kristina Sellers

Jeanna Stone

Sarah Vilches

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November 16, 2010

From 1-4pm

At the Career Pathways House

For a map or directions

Call 508-6201

Door Prizes: including Wal-Mart and Citgo cards

2 Tickets to the Willie Nelson Concert

