



Lake Sumter
State College



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LSSC, Lake Tech, Sumter County School District Partner to Provide Career Training in Sumter County

Leesburg, FL – Lake-Sumter State College, Lake Technical College, and Sumter County School District have come together to provide career pathways and certification programs for Sumter County residents through a shared facility and lab arrangement.

“This agreement is aimed at students in Sumter County who otherwise don’t have access to the training necessary for industrial and healthcare jobs that are in high demand,” says LSSC President Stanley Sidor. “By partnering with Lake Technical College, Lake-Sumter State College remains committed to servicing Sumter County to the fullest capacity.”

The agreement would provide workforce training and certification opportunities in technical programs of interest to Sumter County Schools and the Sumter County business community. Developing the skilled workforce is important to the economic growth and development of the community. Upon completion of these programs, students are prepared for careers that are available in Sumter County as well as the region.

“We think this partnership is a cost-effective way to expand the career options for our students,” says Sumter County Superintendent Richard A. “Rick” Shirley. “This agreement combines the resources of all three groups to benefit our students with real-world, hands-on experiences and a seamless transition from high school to a high-demand, high-wage profession or further training from our partners.”

As a result of this arrangement, Lake Tech will open a Practical Nursing program (LPN) on LSSC’s Sumter Campus in January 2017. This program will allow students who have previously received their Nursing Assistant Articulated (CNA) certification from Sumter County Schools to articulate that credit to Lake Tech for the Practical Nursing program. Upon completion of the course, students could choose to extend their education and articulate credit from Lake Tech directly into the Nursing, A.S. degree program at LSSC.

“Working hand-in-hand with the Sumter County School District, Sumter County hospitals and healthcare facilities, and Lake-Sumter State College, we are excited that we will kick-off this partnership by offering a nursing program in Sumter County,” says Lake Technical College’s Executive Director, Dr. Diane Culpepper “The shortage of healthcare workers is huge, and this program will help to address the need.”

This is the second partnership agreement between LSSC and Lake Tech made this year, the first being an agreement that allows Lake Tech to use the nursing facilities at LSSC’s South Lake Campus in Clermont for their LPN students.



The Adult Education Center, operated by Sumter County Schools and on Lake-Sumter State College grounds, will open its classrooms to Lake Technical College students with the new agreement

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About Lake-Sumter State College

As a member of the Florida College System, Lake-Sumter State College has offered quality education to the communities of Lake and Sumter Counties for more than half a century. LSSC serves more than 6,000 students annually at its three campuses located in Leesburg, Clermont, and Sumterville. LSSC offers technical certificates and associate degrees in business, computer information technology, criminal justice, environmental science, early childhood education, electrical distribution technology, engineering technology, health information technology, nursing, and office administration. LSSC also offers a Bachelor's of Applied Science in Organizational Management. Through DirectConnect, Associate in Arts graduates are guaranteed admission into the University of Central Florida. Visit us as www.LSSC.edu.

About Lake Technical College

Lake Technical College is a public, postsecondary institution offering a “hands on, real world” educational environment, industry standard equipment, and an outstanding instructional staff where students develop exceptional technical and soft skills. Currently, 28 different career certificate programs are offered to adults and dual enrolled high school students including those in automotive, business, culinary, cosmetology, diesel, HVAC, health, information technology, manufacturing, public safety, and welding. In addition, GED preparation, academic remediation, adult basic education, and Adult ESOL classes are offered on the main campus and at six off-site locations across the county. Short term classes and customized training are offered to meet the specific needs of the public and business in our community.

The main campus is located at 2001 Kurt St., Eustis. The Institute of Public Safety is located at 1565 Lane Park Cutoff, Tavares. Visit the website www.laketechnology.org, or call (352) 589-2250 for more information. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @laketechnologycollege.