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**NOC and Pioneer Tech partner in ABE/HSE program**

Pioneer Technology Center and Northern Oklahoma College are partnering in the ABE/HSE – Adult Basic Education/High School Equivalency courses taught at NOC.

The ABE/HSE classes meet in Wilkin Hall on the NOC Tonkawa campus from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. each Wednesday night.

The classes are coordinated by Pioneer Technology Center’s Wendy Terrazas and taught by Lori Evans. “Northern is pleased to host this important program to provide additional access for individuals wishing to complete coursework that will enhance their future opportunities in the workforce,” said NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans. “Pioneer Tech and NOC collaborate in many ways to help students succeed. This just another great example,”

“Pioneer Technology Center is pleased to partner with Northern Oklahoma College to provide an outreach site for our Adult Basic Education/HSE program, which is designed to work with individuals to achieve a high school credential or build academic skills to increase employability,” said Pioneer Tech Superintendent Traci Thorpe. “It is our goal to see these individuals pursue additional educational pathways or enter the workforce with strong academic skills, and this partnership affords the opportunity for more access to these necessary programs.”

This is the second year NOC has hosted the program.

According to Evans, the program is individually paced where students learn the skills to earn a High school equivalency certificate. Students take the final assessments in five fields of study at Pioneer Technology in Ponca City.

Students may enroll in the free courses by calling Pioneer Technology Center at 580.718.4319 or Northern Oklahoma College at 580.628.6220.

Northern Oklahoma College, the state’s first community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services which create life-changing experiences and develop students as effective learners and leaders within their communities in a connected, ever changing world.

NOC, a public two year community college, serves 4,200 students on the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater, online, and the University Center in Ponca City.
In 2019, NOC celebrated the 20-year anniversary of the Enid campus and a 15-year partnership with OSU for the Gateway Program.

NOC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers associate degrees in three general areas: Arts, Science and Applied Science. The associate degree fulfills lower-division course work which is applicable towards a bachelor’s degree.

Call (580) 628-6200 for more information about Northern Oklahoma College or visit www.noc.edu.

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