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# Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center



## EOC Participant Achieves Career Success as EOC Partner Representative

If you are looking for work or looking for an employee, the person to assist you is Heidi Erdman at the Kansas One Stop building. Heidi works for the KANSAS-WORKS, a division of the Kansas Department of Commerce. She assists people in creating or updating resumes and cover letters, conducting job searches, offering workshops on how to fill out a job application correctly and interview techniques. Her favorite part of her job is also the most challenging, which

is the diversity of the clientele and their situations. Heidi learned about EOC from her mother. "EOC provided assistance in the tedious task of filling out the FAFSA applications each year, assisted with enrolling in classes, campus visits, and career assessments to help me decide what field I would be interested in. I would definitely recommend this program to people."



Heidi graduated from BCCC in 2005 and transferred to K-State to pursue a B.A. in English Literature.

Currently in her spare time, Heidi is planning her wedding. She also enjoys spending time with her family, her dog, Harley, and being outside.

### Congratulations

Ruth Trahan, EOC participant, has been inducted into the International Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa at Butler Community College. For a student to be eligible, he or she must have a 3.5 or better GPA.

She is majoring in Massage Therapy. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her husband, Stewart, of 30 years and her family. Her hobbies are gardening and reading.



## Wind Energy

Why choose a career in wind energy? Kansas ranks third in the nation



for potential wind energy production. The job opportunities are numerous. Qualified technicians are able to find jobs locally, nationally, and even internationally. Graduates

of the program will have the necessary skills to obtain a position with a commercial wind farm company, or a career connected to either the production of wind energy or the usage of wind energy.

Annual earnings for people working in the wind energy industry range from \$36,000 to \$67,000.

Several colleges offer

Certificates in Wind Energy or Renewable Energy Technology, but Cloud County Community College is the only college in Kansas approved to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Wind Energy Technology. The average cost of attendance ranges from \$2,752 to \$17,800.

Whatever is good to know is difficult to learn. Greek Proverb

## ACT Exam Registration

Registration is open for the October 27, 2012 ACT exam.

Students who wish to take the exam must register by September 21, 2012. Students may register online or by mail. The online address is [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and you can obtain a paper registration from a school counselor or request a registration packet from ACT.

The cost for the ACT (no writing) is \$35.00, and the cost for the ACT Plus Writing is \$50.50. Some students may qualify for fee waivers due to the fact they cannot afford the

price of the exam.

Locations for the October 12 ACT test sites are:

- Great Bend : Barton County Community College
- Hays: Fort Hays State University and Hays High School
- Manhattan: Kansas State University and Manhattan High School
- Russell: Russell High School
- Salina: Kansas Wesleyan University, Saint

John's Military School, and Salina High School,

You can go online to find locations in your area. The next ACT test will be December 8, 2012.

The ACT website offers a variety of helpful information, from free sample questions to a complete practice test. The website offers test preparation materials for the exam, but the best way to prepare for the exam is to enroll in challenging courses in school, study hard, and learn the material.

## GED Orientation

It is never too late to finish your education. There are many people who do not have a high school diploma. Are you one of them? You might consider earning a GED diploma.

As employers require more education from their employees, jobs are getting harder to find for adults with no high school diploma or GED. The more educated a

person is, the better chance he or she has for success.

Whether, it is obtaining a better paying job, attending college, or personal satisfaction.

Contact information for GED orientation:

Fort Riley:   October 15-18  
785-784-6066

Great Bend:   October 15-18  
620-793-5794

Hays:           October 15-18  
785-460-5486

Manhattan:   October 15-18  
November 5-8  
785-539-9009

Salina:         October 22-25  
785-309-4660

## English as a Second Language (ESL)

The ESL curriculum helps people progress through different levels of classes to meet their needs and allows them to advance to higher levels of learning. The ESL program provides opportunity to acquire skills in basic

educational areas, citizenship, technology, and the transition into the GED program. Day and evening classes are offered.

Contact information for ESL classes:

Manhattan:   October 22-25  
785-539-9009

Salina:         October 15-18  
November 5-7  
785-309-4660

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The Educational Opportunity Center is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is one of the TRiO programs. TRiO began with Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, in response to the administration's War on Poverty.

TRiO programs include eight outreach and support programs targeted to help disadvantaged students progress from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.



### **33 Counties Served by CKEOC**

Barton, Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellis, Ellsworth, Geary, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Morris, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Smith, Stafford, Trego, Wabaunsee, and Washington.