The Tech Prep Program helps students transition from high school to college. Juniors and Seniors are eligible to earn college credit by taking Tech Prep Career and Technical Education courses at their high school! Career and Technical Education prepares students for high skill, high wage, or in demand careers.

GBC Tech Prep Students saved a total of $49,248.00 in tuition!
Welcome to Great Basin College Tech Prep!

Tech Prep allows Juniors and Seniors to earn up to 21 college credits FREE for select career and technical education (CTE) courses that they take in high school.

Students must take a pre-determined sequence of CTE courses, earn at least a B average per semester, apply to be a GBC student, and fill out the Tech Prep Application to receive credit.

The Tech Prep courses available for credit are dependent on the high school that the student is attending. For a complete list of which high school CTE classes apply by school district, visit www.gbcnv.edu/techprep and click on the specific school district.

Tech Prep credits can save students time and money. Since the credits are free to high school students, by completing one Tech Prep course in high school a student will save at least $192.00. In addition, some Tech Prep courses count as introductory courses for specific GBC programs, so students may not have to take the introductory courses their freshman (college) year.

Some of the CTE classes available for Tech Prep credit are, Accounting, Agriculture, Early Childhood Education, and Welding.

For more information contact the GBC Tech Prep Office, Heather Steel, Regional Tech Prep Coordinator 775-753-2303.

Have a fun and safe senior year!

Get more info at www.gbcnv.edu/techprep

New Tech Prep Coordinator

Hi all! I am Heather Steel, I was hired into the position of GBC Regional Tech Prep Coordinator in January 2009.

I graduated from GBC in 2007 with my Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Agriculture Education. Because of my background in CTE and as an alum of Great Basin College, I am very excited and proud to be in a position to be involved with the growth of CTE programs and students throughout the State of Nevada.

I am currently working on bringing some old programs back to the Tech Prep office and instituting some new ones. I look forward to meeting with students in all school districts and getting them involved in GBC Tech Prep and CTE programs. If you would like to set up an appointment for me to present Tech Prep to your CTE students feel free to contact my office.

I also received funds for promoting non-traditional careers. I would be happy to present career interest inventories and career clusters information for freshmen students. I can also present a Non-Traditional Seminar at individual high schools. If you are interested in either of these two events, please call!
Classes That Qualify for Tech Prep

- 3-D Imaging
- A+ Computer
- Accounting
- Ag Mech/Welding
- Agriculture Science
- Animal Science
- Automotive
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Early Childhood Education
- Electronics
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Entrepreneurship
- Graphic Communications
- Health Occupations
- Keyboarding
- Landscape Management
- Microsoft Office
- Natural Resources
- Nurse’s Assistant
- Nutrition and Fitness
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Veterinary Medicine
- Web Design
- Woodshop

MINING ROCKS FALL 2009

The Fall Edition of Mining Rocks is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Mining Rocks is a program designed to introduce students to careers in mining. Students will be introduced to a variety of careers in the mining industry such as geology, environmental compliance, safety and health, business administration, underground mining, diesel technology, welding and more. The event also includes a tour of a minesite. The Fall edition will be at Barrick Goldstrike.

The program is limited to 45 participants. High school students are given preference, but anyone is welcome to RSVP and attend.

Students that are interested in attending Mining Rocks should RSVP to Jeanne Long at 775-753-8493.

Mining Rocks is sponsored by GBC Tech Prep and Barrick Goldstrike.
GBC Tours for High School Students

Great Basin College offers field trips & campus visits year round for students, parents, teachers, and classes. Many of our faculty are also available to talk to your classes about college and careers. Sign up with the Recruitment Department for a 2 or 4 hour customized tour or a class visit!

Call 775-753-2201 to sign up.

Dual Credit.. Tech Prep... What’s the Difference??

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Dual Credit: High School students can take dual credit courses through GBC, taught by GBC instructors, that meet high school credit requirements while earning college credit. There are some special forms that need to be filled out - they are available at the high school Counseling offices or the GBC website www.gbcnv.edu/admissions/dual_credit. The cost is $40 (plus books and lab fees) if the student enrolls in GBC’s Distance Education “K” classes- Interactive Video, Online, or LiveNet (live audio and/or video online). Students who enroll in traditional classes on a college campus pay the regular GBC tuition and fees, which are half the cost of a university.
The applications for the 2010-2011 MTC Scholarships are open! The deadline for applying to the MTC programs is April 15, 2010. Students must complete the application and an interview during the spring semester. The scholarships will then be awarded for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The MTC Scholarships are for students that train in one of GBC’s programs in diesel technology, welding, electrical systems, instrumentation, or industrial millwright technology. The scholarship usually covers the cost of tuition for any of the programs. Some scholarships also are accompanied by a paid internship during the summer and school year. This provides students with valuable on-the-job training.

Participants in the MTC scholarship program are GBC, Barrick Goldstrike and Cortez, Newmont Gold Company, Round Mountain Gold Company, Sandvik, I & E Electric, and Robinson Mining Company.

Pick up an MTC Scholarship Application from your school counselor or the GBC website www.gbcnv.edu/mtc.

For questions or more information on the MTC scholarship or programs in diesel technology, welding, electrical systems, instrumentation, or industrial millwright programs, contact Chris Marshall at 775-753-2175.

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Career Launch

Lunchtime College and Career Exploration

Career and College Information to be presented IAV from the Elko Campus.

Meet and greet with GBC instructors to learn about careers and college programs available in CTE at GBC.

Presented on scheduled dates during lunchtime at every high school or GBC campus in the GBC service area.

Noon to 12:30 on the FIRST THURSDAY of every month.

You must RSVP two weeks in advance to secure a classroom in your high school.

Call 775-753-2303 for more information or to RSVP.

GBC Skills USA Members Win

Several GBC 08-09 CTE students placed at the State Skills USA Competition in Reno during the Spring 2008 Semester.

- Geoff Bullock placed 3rd in Diesel.
- Danny Packer placed 1st in Motor Controls and as a result competed at the National Competition
- DJ Packer placed 2nd in Motor Controls
- Scott Lawson placed 3rd in Motor Controls
- Marcos Vasquez placed 3rd in Welding

Congratulations to the winners and all members that competed at the State Competition!

Great Basin College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action agency and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national, origin, age, political affiliation, or disability.
Its Never to Early for College Financial Aid

As a senior, a student should be prepared to start looking at financial aid right away! Many scholarships are open during the fall semester. Visit www.fastweb.org to search for scholarships. Remember, scholarship applications are due the semester BEFORE the student will be utilizing scholarship funds.

First thing: The FAFSA

Most scholarships are need based. In order to determine need, you must fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Student Aid). This will determine if your student qualifies for government aid, grants, loans, or work study.

The FAFSA requires tax information from both students and parents. Start the FAFSA process as early as possible and as soon as tax or year-end information is available!

Step 1: Student/Parent Electronic Signature
Obtain a federal PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov. Keep it private. It will allow you to sign forms submitted on the web. Parents and students will need a PIN.

Step 2: Apply for Federal and State Grants/Loans/Work-study
Carefully fill out and submit a FAFSA form on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You will need the code for GBC; it is 006977. There is no charge for this service.

Step 3: Check for Missing Documents & Offer Letter
Within two to three weeks, the student financial services office will send you a post card asking you to log into Web-Reg to determine whether an award has been offered or additional information is needed. You may also be asked to complete one or more forms available online. Complete this step by June 30.

Step 4: Read the Financial Aid Handbook
Complete the online Quiz to verify that you have read the handbook.

Financial Aid Timeline
For the 2010-2011 Academic Year
New Funding Opens January 1, 2010
Priority Application Deadline: March 15, 2010

GBC Scholarship applications and deadlines are available on the web at http://www.gbcnv.edu/financial
In June 2009, 20 Native American Youth from across the State of Nevada descended on Great Basin College for the annual Native Youth Career Camp. The theme for this years camp was "Honor Mother Earth". Students were exposed to careers involved with resource management and green technology.

Students were exposed to the total GBC experience by residing in rooms in Griswold Hall during the camp. They had fun college activities like a water balloon fight and were allowed to use the Fitness Center. Thanks Miss Stacie and Norm!

Laura Walters from Solar Energy International and Aurora Conley from Honor the Earth showed students how to make solar powered pizza box ovens. The students created their solar ovens and made nachos in them. Laura also demonstrated two real solar ovens and the students baked cookies.

Laura and Aurora also demonstrated many tools that are used to develop solar powered implements.

Students were exposed to careers in Land Surveying, Natural Resource Management, Fire Science, Wildlife Management, and Geology/Soil Science.

A Non-Traditional seminar presented them with career options by a male nurse, female haul truck driver, and female wildland firefighter. The Non-Traditional Seminar showed that no matter what gender you are, you can have the career of your choice. It also presented them with the advantages and challenges of non-traditional careers.

Students were given a full tour of GBC. Steve Garcia of the Electrical Systems Program at GBC showed them the solar powered car and house. He also demonstrated to the group how a TESLA coil works.

Students also got to spend time at the Spring Creek Marina where they met Frauline, the Golden Eagle that had been injured by running into a semi-truck on I-80.

The Native Youth Camp is sponsored every year by GBC Tech Prep and Continuing Education. Nevada Energy also sponsored a portion of the camp. Funds were also available from the Non-Traditional Competitive Grant with funds from Perkins IV and administered by the Nevada Department of Education.

There will be changes to the 2010 Camp. The Camp will be open to all at risk, economically disadvantaged, and minority youth. The theme has yet to be decided but if you would like to participate or be involved in the planning of the 2010 Camp, contact 775-753-2303.

The GBC Tech Prep Office would like to thank all the participants that made the 2009 Camp a success.
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