

Tri-C Officially Opens New Westshore Campus

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) officially introduced its new Westshore Campus with a grand-opening event June 16, and community wellness fair June 18. The Westshore Campus, located in Westlake, is the College's fourth campus and the first new higher education campus in Northeast Ohio in many years. Tri-C staff, faculty and students joined a number of dignitaries and city leaders for the celebration.



Pictured:

Westlake Mayor
Dennis M. Clough

Westshore Campus President
J. Michael Thomson, Ph.D.

Tri-C President
Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, Ph.D.

Tri-C Trustee
Jay Coury

"Cuyahoga Community College is delighted to more fully respond to the educational needs of the Westshore communities," said Tri-C President Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton. "The Westshore Campus allows the College to continue its delivery of high-quality education and career training in unique areas, particularly in health-related fields."

The Westshore Campus was built in response to market research that revealed the percentage of students in the western suburbs of Cuyahoga County attending Tri-C was below that of the rest of the county – despite a growing population and employer base.

Classes were initially offered at Tri-C's Corporate College® West facility to respond to this growing demand, but will transition to the Westshore Campus so that Corporate College West can increase its corporate training and professional development offerings. More than 2,200 students enrolled at the Westshore Campus in its first semester.

Dr. J. Michael Thomson is president of the new campus. "This is a state-of-the-art facility that will offer students unparalleled instructional opportunities. We look forward to continued growth of the campus along with the

western suburbs of Cuyahoga County," Dr. Thomson said.

The 65,000 square-foot facility is the first building on the 33-acre Westshore site. As a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) campus, Westshore is focused on these four areas of education and training. The campus offers Associate of Applied Science degrees in nursing, medical assisting and emergency medical technology. Additionally, certificate programs are available in emergency medical technology, medical assisting, polysomnography and State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA). Students can also get an Associate of Science degree and transfer to a four-year institution.

Westshore also offers a complete enrollment center along with a technology learning center and library. Additionally, the campus provides a combination of 16 classrooms and

conference rooms, five life science labs with strong lab support areas, and four health career labs including a patient simulator lab.

Opened in 1963, Cuyahoga Community College is Ohio's first community college and now the state's largest, serving 55,000 students each year. More than 900,000 county residents have come through Tri-C's doors. The College offers two-year associate degrees, certificate programs, and the first two years of a baccalaureate degree. The curriculum includes over 1,600 credit courses in more than 130 career, certificate and university transfer programs. Courses are offered at four campus locations, two Corporate College® facilities, many off-campus sites, and via television and the Internet.



Westshore Campus visitors tour the patient simulator lab.