

Community Business Partnerships



Hunterdon County Polytech collaborates with local businesses, both large and small, to provide a wide range of programs that respond to local, regional as well as state and national employment and economic needs in preparing students for the jobs of today and tomorrow. We work closely with active members of the business community to ensure our students receive the latest in technology and trends in their desired fields. Businesses partner with Polytech to provide on-the-job training opportunities, internships and apprenticeships, and they also serve as quest speakers, advisory board members and

adjunct instructors.

To collaborate with Community Business Partners, and the liaison to our students and faculty is Tanya Nalesnik, our Career Development Coordinator. Tanya recently joined Hunterdon County Polytech in September of this year. A 23-year military officer with a Masters Degree in Public Administration and Education, Tanya has worked in both the private and public sector. As Career Development Coordinator, it is Tanya's responsibility to assist students with identifying, pursuing, and achieving their career goals. In doing so, Community Business Partnerships are a key component to bridging the transition from primary education to successful career paths. Business professionals serve as mentors who are essential in the development of our students' work-based learning experience as facilitators of industry-based knowledge and role models for this county's future economic leaders.

On-the-job training, internships and apprenticeships are vital in a hands-on approach to educating students in their chosen careers. Our students have had these opportunities in the fields of education, automotive services, culinary arts, cosmetology, and animal technologies.

Our programs utilize **guest speakers** throughout their curriculums to keep students up-to-date with technology and to stay current with requirements for entering various careers.

Advisory Board Members are key component in assisting with leading our programs' effectiveness and obtaining the necessary input from these members help to keep our programs and services current and relevant. Advisory board members are local industry leaders, from higher education, as well as small business owners and operators. Their consistent input keeps our programs closely related to current and future employment needs.

Adjunct Instructors teach a wide range of courses in Adult & Continuing Education and bring invaluable skill sets and relevant information to students. Adjunct instructors teach courses in computers, art, plumbing, electrical, black seal, water/wastewater management, sign language, and much more. Do you have an idea for a course that you would like to teach? Let us know and fill out our Course Proposal form that can be found at www.hcpolytech.org.

Current business partners include, but are not limited to: Flemington Car & Truck Country, Hunterdon Medical Center, The Princeton Longevity Center, New Jersey State Police, Health Quest Fitness, Matt's Red Rooster Grill, Frenchtown Inn, Picture Perfect, Cooper Electric Supply, Domalena's Hair & Nail Lounge, Hunterdon County YMCA, Sneakers Plus, B. W. Furlong & Associates and Hunterdon Collision.

If you are interested in becoming a Business Partner, or would like more information, please contact Tanya Nalesnik, Career Development Coordinator at 908-284-1444, ext. 2104, or via email tnalesnik@hcpolytech.org.

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