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Erie County Technical School honored as credentialed institution

The Erie County Technical School has recently been recognized by the Home Builders Institute as a credentialed institution for teaching the Residential Construction Academy Series.

In order to earn credentials, the Erie County Technical School's Construction Trades program was required to meet stringent criteria associated with the Residential Construction Academy Series that included the use of the National Association of Home Builders' Construction Skill Standards. Beginning this fall, instruction will follow course materials developed by Thomson Delmar Learning and the Home Builders Institute.

Credentialing through the Home Builders Institute and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) will benefit students by providing industry-developed standards by which employers can evaluate potential employees who have completed courses or training programs.

Students and instructors will also have the ability to network with local Home Builders Associations. Students who successfully complete the Residential Construction Academy Series can post their resume on the NAHB's Building Careers Job Bank, an online database that links residential construction employers to qualified potential employees.

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ECTS develops articulation agreement with Gannon University

The Erie County Technical School recently announced the formation of a new articulation agreement with Gannon University.

This new agreement will provide students in the Early Childhood Education program at ECTS with the opportunity to earn advanced placement credit toward completion of related degree programs at Gannon.

To be eligible for advance placement credit, students must meet all admission requirements and be enrolled in a Gannon University program within two years after graduation from ECTS.

Academic credit will be awarded to students who successfully complete the Early

Childhood Education Overview course and the Children's Literature course with a grade of B or better. In addition, students will not be charged tuition for the advanced placement credits earned as a result of this new agreement.

"The Erie County Technical School is dedicated to creating partnerships with post-secondary institutions through the formation of articulation agreements," said Dr. Aldo Jackson, director.

"We impress upon our students that education is a lifelong process and a necessity in many cases in order to keep up with today's rapidly changing technology. The new agreements will provide addi-

tional incentives for students who wish to continue their education."

Articulation agreements are developed to facilitate a smooth transition from high school programs to training at the post-secondary level and allow students to gain college credit for work completed in their ECTS studies. Students in specific courses at ECTS will begin their post-high school education and training with significant advantages and increased opportunities while saving time, money and avoiding duplication.

With the addition of the new agreements, ECTS now has 70 articulation agreements with 32 post-secondary institutions.