

# EHOVE Career Center & the Community

As Ohio struggles with high unemployment, career tech education is part of the solution. Career Technical schools, like EHOVE Career Center, educate Ohio students and adults for many high-skilled, increasingly technical jobs that are going unfilled. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that by 2014, approximately 45% of all U.S. jobs will fit into a "skills gap," requiring more than a high school diploma, but less than a bachelor's degree. Yet, only 25% of the workforce will be qualified to successfully perform these jobs.

EHOVE ensures that career tech education is competitive and in tune with local economic and student needs. Though career tech is part of public education, it is a *program of choice* for high school students and their parents. Because career tech relies on voluntary student enrollments and the ability to place students into high-demand occupations, EHOVE is responsive to the needs of business and industry partners, who often help design classes, and provide instructors and the opportunity for work-based learning experiences.

Multiple education pathways that emphasize high quality career and college readiness are provided through a career tech education.

EHOVE is a leading career tech school that serves over 750 high school students in 16 local school districts throughout Erie, Huron and Ottawa Counties. EHOVE students are given the opportunity to take challenging academic classes in a customized and relevant curriculum, and gain hands-on training and real world experience to prepare them for college, an in-demand career or the military.

Our community benefits economically through the relationship many EHOVE programs have with local business and industry. With a choice of 25 different training programs in the areas of healthcare, technology, public service, education, hospitality, industry and skilled trades, an EHOVE career tech education is a choice to move more quickly toward a career goal. Programs also include growing industries such as bioscience/bioproducts, advanced energy and technology, and aerospace and aviation.

EHOVE high school and adult students enter the job market with credentials to make good wages in the workforce or to go on to college. They get a head start and graduate equipped with choices to continue their education with knowledge in their chosen field, start their career, or do both at the same time. Many EHOVE programs even include college credit that transfers to a college or other higher learning institution. Career tech programs are working to make the transition of credit seamless. Throughout the school day, over 100 EHOVE students attend college classes at the BGSU Firelands campus. About 25% of them take advantage of the free transportation EHOVE provides between campuses.

EHOVE's adult education programs assist local citizens looking to dive into a training program to start a new career or take a refresher course to improve their skills to advance in their current jobs. These programs range from two-week certificate classes to longer term credentialing programs.

Decades ago, career tech programs were considered an alternative to college. Today, career tech education at EHOVE is a choice that students make in order to move quickly toward their career goals. Many are surprised at the significant incorporation of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) into career tech education, and that today's career tech students (including those at EHOVE) must meet the same academic requirements as all high school students. EHOVE students also benefit from project-based, hands-on and innovative teaching methods and experiences. Career tech education programs also serve students with disabilities or those at risk of dropping out of high school.

As a school of choice, EHOVE must constantly keep up with trends in industry and education in order to remain competitive. To stay in tune with the ever-changing landscape, EHOVE has recently added in-demand training programs of forensic science, global business management and exercise science & rehab therapy to the high school, and occupational therapy assistant and industrial technician to adult education.

Being an active community member is a key component of being prepared for today's workforce and the changing economy. EHOVE high school and adult students participate in donation drives, community service projects, and fundraisers for causes to help our neighbors experiencing tough times, charities and local animal shelters.

See for yourself what EHOVE is, and what EHOVE does for the community, through your choice of several online resources. Start at the school website located at [www.EHOVE.net](http://www.EHOVE.net) to learn about each of the high school and adult training programs, as well as firsthand accounts of our students' experiences. From there, you'll find direct links to connect with EHOVE via:



- EHOVE Connection – Video blog website by EHOVE students
- Facebook – Latest announcements and photos, the place to ask questions
- Twitter – Quick updates and links to student news
- YouTube – Videos of students in action and the latest campus events

For more information about EHOVE Career Center, go to [www.EHOVE.net](http://www.EHOVE.net) or call 419-499-4663.



EHOVE Electrical Tech students Sara Foster (New London HS) and Justin Hundley (Bellevue HS) in EHOVE's Fab Lab, a small scale workshop equipped with a variety of computer-controlled tools. This unique learning environment enhances student classes and creates opportunities for outreach programs. EHOVE is on the leading edge of technology, being the only career tech high school in the country housing a fab lab.