

# What's Up in Adult Education

GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Adult Education is excited to introduce a new full-time employee at GTCC.



Effective April 10, 2021, Cynthia Worth started as the Testing Coordinator for the High Point campus. Cynthia has a bachelor's and master's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University. She recently completed her doctorate of education degree through Drexel University. Cynthia has over 15 years of experience in adult education.

Cynthia's office is located in Building H4, Room 119 on the High Point campus.

Welcome, Cynthia!



ESOL Student, Igbal Abdelnour

## GTCC ENSURES STUDENT HAS RESOURCES TO SUCCEED

When Igbal Abdelnour immigrated to the United States from the Republic of Sudan three years ago, Guilford Technical Community College was instrumental in helping her achieve her educational goals. She spoke very little English but wanted to become proficient in the language of her new home. To do that, she started taking ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages) at GTCC.

"I enjoyed my face-to-face classes at GTCC, but when COVID started the online classes were new to me," said the 59-year-old Abdelnour. "I didn't know anything about technology, and I only had my phone to attend Zoom classes and to participate in Burlington English (an English language learning program).

"GTCC gave me a Kindle to use instead of my phone and it was so much easier with the bigger screen," said Abdelnour. In addition to a Kindle, she also received a \$500 emergency HEERF grant for adult education students, that she is saving to buy a laptop in the future.

Abdelnour has high praise for GTCC's work with immigrant students to help them acclimate to their new lives in the United States. "GTCC has helped me and many other immigrants and refugees I know," she explained. "I have nothing to say but 'thank you' for helping me be a better person. I encourage everyone to take classes at GTCC because they will find classes that will help them improve their lives and jobs. GTCC gave me a great opportunity and I thank them. Education is the most important thing in life, and you can achieve all your dreams with education."

## HEERF II FUNDING FOR ADULT EDUCATION STUDENTS

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 and was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. HEERF II funds are intended to provide emergency financial support to students and may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. GTCC Adult Education students with 12 hours or more of instructional time are eligible for this funding.

**Thanks to HEERF II Funding, a \$200 incentive will also be available during the Fall 2021 semester for all GTCC students, faculty, and staff who can submit evidence they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, either via two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. More details coming soon!**

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## Free—Devices & Vouchers

Thanks to COVID relief funds, GTCC was able to purchase **50 additional Chromebooks** in addition to the 33 already available for student use. **These devices can be checked out from the Greensboro library and will be coming soon to the High Point campus library as well.** Devices are checked out for 8-week periods by students who are actively participating in our program and have a current test, and can be renewed when the 8 weeks have passed as long as the student is still active and in good standing with the Adult Education program. **25 hotspots with WIFI** are also available for student check out. **Vouchers** are also available for qualified students on both campuses to pay for **GED and HiSET official tests**, thanks to grants from the United Way and Bank of America. We appreciate our partnership with the college libraries as well as grant funding that makes these benefits available to our students!

## Transition Classes Continue in Fall 2021

GTCC has your success in mind! For the past two semesters, students have completed the pre-requisites for various curriculum programs with our transition classes. We are offering many avenues for students to enter college and be successful academically and in the workplace. While your transition to college and career is in your hands, we are ready to help you get there! We are offering the following classes in Fall 2021 that will help you develop the skills you need.

**Transition English** – prepares students to take entry-level English in college.

**Transition Math** – prepares students to take entry-level Math in college.

**Transition Digital Skills** – introduces students to the digital skills needed to perform well in college courses and in the workplace.

These classes are the ideal bridge to college level coursework and/or a career. For more information about Transition Courses at GTCC, please contact Eduardo Garcia, [egarcia7@gtcc.edu](mailto:egarcia7@gtcc.edu) or 336-334-4822, ext. 55001.

## COLLEGE TO CAREER FORUM SERIES

Adult Education and Library Services are partnering to present the College to Career Forum series at the Greensboro campus. This will be a series of sessions on exploring various career paths and career training programs available at GTCC. The series will include a career fair with the opportunity to speak with representatives of various college programs about potential career paths. We are excited about this program and think it will be extremely helpful to anyone figuring out what comes next in their educational and/or professional life. Speaker sessions will be available via MS Teams for students unable to attend in person.

Please see the schedule below for upcoming sessions:

Speaker	Topic	Where	When
Ms. Sara Kilbreth	Health Profession Careers	AEC 161	Sept. 16 10-11 AM
Ms. Audrey Floyd	Aviation Tech Careers	AEC 161	October 21 10-11 AM
General Career Fair	Interact 1:1 with GTCC career program directors!	GCC Rotunda Area	November 18  10 AM – 12 PM
Mr. Mike Mackey	Enrolling in a curriculum program	AEC 161	January 20 10-11 AM
Mr. Eduardo Garcia	Transitions Classes	AEC 161	February 17 10-11 AM
Ms. Robin Whitesell	Resumes and Cover Letters	AEC 161	March 17 10-11 AM

This series is co-sponsored by Wendover Adult Education and Library Services. Please contact Keith Burkhead with questions [bkburkhead@gtcc.edu](mailto:bkburkhead@gtcc.edu), x53017

### Upcoming Dates for Adult Education

August 18—Fall Term Begins

September 6—GTCC closed for Labor Day Holiday

October 18-22—2nd Fall enrollment period

November 24—GTCC Closes at 12:00 pm for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25-26—GTCC Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 15—Fall Term Ends

December 20 through January 2—GTCC Closed for the Holiday Break

January 3—GTCC re-opens

January 4—Adult Ed Professional Development 5:30 pm —8:30 pm

January 5—Spring Semester Begins

**For more information about Adult Education at GTCC, please contact:**

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