Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) Centers of Excellence are designed to meet the educational, cultural and economic needs of our communities by providing the most innovative programming available.

Tri-C’s six current Centers of Excellence cover a wide range of disciplines and potential career paths:
• Division of Nursing Education
• Public Safety Training Institute
• Center for Creative Arts
• Hospitality Management Center
• Center for Information Technology
• Manufacturing Technology Center

The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center will join these ranks as the seventh Tri-C Center of Excellence later this year. All of these centers offer high-quality, industry-relevant courses to provide the comprehensive, hands-on training students need to gain a competitive edge in today’s job market.

Of course, Tri-C remains affordable when compared to other colleges and universities – in fact Tri-C continues to offer the second-lowest tuition rate in the state of Ohio. In addition, more than 100 scholarship options are available for those who need financial assistance to pursue their educational goals.

As president of the College, I am proud to introduce these Centers of Excellence. I invite you to read further to learn more about these unique educational programs.

Alex Johnson
President,
Cuyahoga Community College

What makes a center of excellence? It must:
• Address a key area of expected future job growth
• Be a supplier of skilled workers for local employers
• Enroll a large number of students year after year
• Demonstrate high success rates
• Offer innovative educational programs
• Have broad impact on the region
• Use state-of-the-art facilities
• Receive national recognition in its field

For more information, visit www.tri-c/coe
“I have worked very hard in the Tri-C nursing program, and I know I have received a very valuable education. I have had instructors both in class and in the clinical setting who have impacted my life and my career. There are several instructors that I have been able to count on for educational and professional inspiration and advice. My experiences and my relationships will always be incredibly special to me.”

2014 ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING GRADUATE

“They say one seed can start a garden, one candle can light a room, and one person can make all the difference. I was in pain, the bed was uncomfortable, and I didn’t want to be there. Then in comes Anna (Tri-C student nurse), and she made all the difference. Everything she did for me was done with kindness, and her love of nursing radiated through. What an absolutely beautiful soul she has – and what a bright career she has ahead of her.”

NORTHEAST OHIO HOSPITAL PATIENT

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**Tri-C’s Division of Nursing Education**

Tri-C’s Division of Nursing Education was the first associate degree nursing program in the state of Ohio in 1964. Nursing graduates are well prepared to start at the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, MetroHealth System and other well-known healthcare institutions.

Tri-C’s fully accredited nursing program currently ranks fourth among community colleges in the nation, with an average of 1,000 students enrolled per year. The ratio of students to full-time faculty is 22:1, which means students get personal attention. In 2015, the nursing program had 343 graduates.

“Tri-C’s academies train more emergency response professionals than any other academy in Ohio. The KeyBank Public Safety Training Center on the Western Campus, dedicated in June 2016, features specialized simulation areas that provide unparalleled opportunities for realistic, hands-on skills training.

“Since 1982, the Public Safety Center has provided the best in law enforcement and fire training in Northeast Ohio. The center provides basic training through the police, fire, private security, corrections and bailiff academies. The center also includes programs to prepare students for the legal career fields of captioning and court reporting and paralegal studies. Programs in the growing field of environmental health and safety, as well as advanced training to support local emergency response services in our communities are also included.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) through 2022
- 95 full-time teaching personnel with master’s degrees in nursing
- 65 percent of the 150 nursing clinical adjunct faculty hold a master’s degree in nursing

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Tri-C’s police and fire academies rank in the top five performers in the state of Ohio
- The 37,000 square foot KeyBank Public Safety Training Center (PSTC) opened at the Western Campus in August 2014
- The PSTC provides service to 12 surrounding counties
- The Pro Board-certified Fire Training Academy provides agility testing for more than 100 fire department entrance tests and has partnered with the State Fire Academy to provide basic and advanced cause-and-origin arson courses
- The Advanced Law Enforcement program provides agility testing for more than 60 police department entrance tests

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

- Educational Institutions
  - Chamberlain College
  - Cleveland State University
  - Governor’s College
  - Malone College
  - Ohio University
  - The Ohio State University
  - Ursuline College

- Clinical Affiliates
  - The Cleveland Clinic
  - MetroHealth System
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2011 Associate Degree EMT Graduate

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- The Tri-C Fire Academy molded me into the person I am today, and the best firefighters I can be. With my degree from Tri-C, I was able to obtain a job early in my career with a solid understanding of the fire service. The dedicated and knowledgeable instructors were the heart of the program. They share their experiences and knowledge to help you prepare for what the fire service is all about. The Tri-C Fire Academy is committed to providing the best education to give you the skills you need to succeed.”

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“Her (my daughter) suddenly began to blossom. Her focus and drive were different. She began to talk about college and her future. She began to dream, a trait that seems to be lost today’s youth. This child had such a tremendous amount of creativity within her that was being restrained because she had not been privy to an environment that would allow her to be free with her gifts while learning how to perfect them.”

MICHELE WHITFIELD
Mother of a Jazz Prep Student

“Recently we went to the House of Blues to see Better Than Ezra. It was really neat because we got to go backstage and work with the sound people. They were explaining everything that they did and I learned a lot.”

LISA CATES
Recording Arts and Technology

Tri-C’s Hospitality Management Center (HMC) is recognized across the region as a leader for offering associate degrees and short-term certificates in:

- Culinary Arts
- Lodging and Tourism
- Restaurant and Food Service Management

Experienced faculty, rich curricula and connections to leaders in the Cleveland-area hospitality industry provide students with the hands-on experience they need to succeed. The HMC, located in downtown Cleveland, adds to the city’s diverse and exciting culinary scene and Public Square’s revitalization. Co-located with Pure Vista Restaurant and Bar, the HMC provides spectacular amenities including two full-size kitchens and a demonstration studio.

The facility also hosts dinner and demo nights along with corporate teambuilding events featuring a mix of professional cooking instruction and organizational effectiveness training through Tri-C’s Corporate College®.

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Hospitality Student

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- CresCor
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- Floroscal
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- Pro Start
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250% INCREASE IN ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMPLETION

TOP HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONALS

Key partners with Tri-C’s Hospitality Management Center include:

- Steinway
- Yamaha
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Cleveland Museum of Art
- MOCA
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- Hartt School of Music
- Cleveland Museum of Art
- MOCA
The Center for Information Technology addresses the national demand for skilled IT professionals. The IT Center allows students to align their interests and aptitudes with IT career pathways.

Specialized centers for high-demand, high-growth program areas including cyber security, cloud computing and analytics (or “big data”) will be established at campuses across Cuyahoga County. The center also impacts the local economy by training unemployed and underemployed individuals for jobs that provide family-sustaining wages.

The IT Center currently offers associate degrees in Business Solutions, Programming and Development, Computer Networking Hardware and Networking Software. Students can also earn short-term certificates and advanced certificates of value in specific areas such as IT project management and Web application development.

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MATT WEISFELD
Associate Professor, Information Technology

MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Tri-C’s newest Center of Excellence, the Manufacturing Technology Center, is located at the United Technologies Center (UTC), one of the area’s largest full-service technical training centers. The facility offers hands-on training labs featuring state-of-the-art equipment, allowing Tri-C graduates to step into the growing talent and technology needs of the manufacturing industry in Northeast Ohio.

Students are trained in the high-demand areas of machining, 3D printing, programmable logic controls and mechatronics. Once students start a program, they can move seamlessly from short-term training to certificates of proficiency to associate degrees. Some graduates find opportunities for employment in various manufacturing fields while others transfer to pursue additional academic training.

With its academic training, wraparound services and integrated enrollment services, the Manufacturing Technology Center defines Tri-C’s one-door approach to academic and career advancement.

“When I started at Tri-C, I hadn’t been in school in nearly 11 years. My professors and peers were there for me every step of the way. I was fortunate enough to get hired by the Cleveland Clinic after graduation. I recommend this program to anyone who is looking to get into a challenging and rewarding career field.”

NATHAN SCAVONE
Clinical Engineering Technology Graduate

“I like the Welding Boot Camp class very much. It’s very hands-on and the instructor goes out of his way to teach us… I highly recommend this class to other students. The instructor cares about our success and our future.”

D’AVYRO BEARD
Fast Track Welding Boot Camp Student

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Educational Institutions
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• Baldwin Wallace University
• Cleveland State University
• Kent State University
• Wright State University

Non-Profit Organizations
• Brown Girls Coding
• High Tech Academy
• North Coast Tech Prep
• Ohio Tech Prep
• Women in Transition

Businesses
• APB & Associates
• ASMGI
• CBIZ
• Cisco
• Epiphany Management Group
• FormFire
• Global Convergence Inc.
• Hyland Software
• JLRNNOV
• KSPS
• MECO
• OFTech
• Partnership
• Robert Half Technologies
• RPM International
• Sherwin-Williams
• System Care Inc.
• Visibility Marketing

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• Ashland University
• Case Western Reserve University
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• Kent State University
• Ohio University
• Missouri University
• Tooling University
• Youngstown State University

Industry Partners
• Abbott
• Alaska Bellows
• ArcelorMittal
• Alps
• Erico
• FirstEnergy
• Ford Motor Company
• General Motors
• Great Lakes Shipyard
• Honeywell & Scott
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