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UPS and Metropolitan College offer jobs, tuition

The Metropolitan College and UPS in Louisville are offering new educational and job opportunities to GED graduates and adult education students pursuing a GED. A major expansion at UPS Worldport will provide part-time jobs and a full benefit package. Wages start at \$8.50 an hour with an increase to \$9 an hour after the first 90 days.

Kentucky residents who work 15 to 20 hours per week, Monday through Friday, also qualify for free tuition at Jefferson Community and Technical College and the University of Louisville.

UPS representatives will conduct job interview during March and April at the following locations:

March 20: Frankfort, Hopkinsville and Paducah

March 21: Owensboro and Bowling Green

March 27: Middlesboro and Somerset

March 28: Hazard and Danville

March 29: Pikeville and Richmond

March 30: Elizabethtown

April 10: Ashland and Covington

April 11: Maysville

Interested GED graduates and adult education students should set up an interview at www.metro-college.com. Click on "Hire Kentucky" and complete the contact and interest information.

Questions should be directed to Emmanuel Warren at the UPS Center for Employment Opportunities, (502) 359-1824, or Dick McLaughlin at Metropolitan College, (502) 213-4541.

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Change in 2006 close-out date

Due to changes in the Commonwealth of Kentucky's financial system, the KYAE close-out schedule for 2006 is significantly different than in the past. It's extremely important that adult education providers comply with the revised 2006 close-out schedule. Providers will receive a Fiscal Guidance Memo with details on the following schedule.

- June 10, 2006: May invoice is due by close of business.
- A projected June invoice will not be required this year.
- **June 23, 2006: The final invoice for all expenses is due by close of business. Invoices received after June 23, 2006, will not be paid.** In the final invoice, providers will report all documented expenditures for the final month of the program contract. This includes actual total salary for all staff through June 30, 2006.
- July invoices will not be required this year.
- August 31, 2006: The final reconciliation form is due for each grant by close of business.

Questions can be directed to administrative services staff: Terry Pruitt, (502) 573-1555, ext. 247, Terry.Pruitt@ky.gov; Faith Cirre, (502) 573-1555, ext. 312, Faith.Cirre@ky.gov; or Michele Koziol, (502) 573-1555, ext. 250, Michele.Koziol@ky.gov.

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KYAE seeks provider input on GED attainment

The Council on Postsecondary Education has adopted GED attainment as a key indicator of progress for Kentucky; therefore, KYAE will be developing a GED goal for the Commonwealth. (See the [2004-05 Kentucky Postsecondary Education Accountability Report](#).)

KYAE will soon convene a provider focus group to discuss this important issue. Provider input is critical and will help direct the focus group discussion on how to increase GED attainment. Please [click here](#) to complete a short survey by **March 17**. KYAE greatly appreciates providers' time and participation.

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Education at Work Scholarships

GED graduates are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 Education at Work Scholarship provided by the Education Cabinet. Please note that the scholarship amount has increased from \$500 to \$1,000. The deadline for submitting applications is **April 28**. Application materials and information are available online at [Education at Work](#). If you have questions regarding the scholarship, please contact Wynee Hecker in the Office of Communications, Education Cabinet, at Wynee.Hecker@ky.gov or (502) 564-6606, ext. 128.

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Center for Mathematics established

In response to House Bill 93 (KRS 164.525), signed into law in March 2005, the Council on Postsecondary Education has contracted with Northern Kentucky University (NKU) to develop a Center for Mathematics. NKU will:

- Serve as the center's clearinghouse and coordinator of professional development in the state
- Administer the demonstration sites at each public university called for by House Bill 93
- Coordinate the coaching and mentoring models implemented in Kentucky
- Serve as the lead disseminator to all constituencies for information flowing from the center
- Be responsible for procuring an external evaluator to gauge the effectiveness of the center's operations as a whole

KYAE provided input for this process through Kathryn Hardman, Laurel County Adult Education program director, and S.J. Hollon of the Breathitt County Adult Education program, both of whom served on the Mathematics Achievement Steering Committee, and Dr. Jacqueline Korengel, a former KYAE senior associate. This statutory committee was charged with "... developing a multi-faceted strategic plan to improve student achievement in mathematics at all levels of schooling...."

KYAE plans to work with the center to establish professional development opportunities for adult educators.

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Grant opportunities

Barnes and Noble Booksellers provides support for non-profit literacy organizations. Information about applying for grants is available at its [Web site](#).

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New GEDTS executive director

The American Council on Education (ACE) has appointed Sylvia E. Robinson as executive director of the GED Testing Service effective April 3. Robinson has experience at Georgetown University, the American Heart Association and the Rhode Island Commissioner of Higher Education.

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