



Portage Lakes Career Center

2024-25 COURSE OVERVIEW



**EQUIPPED AND
EMPOWERED**

A firefighter in full protective gear, including a helmet with a clear face shield and a red jacket with yellow reflective stripes, is shown from the side. They are holding a hose that sprays a powerful stream of water towards the right. The background is a hazy, greyish-white, suggesting a fire scene or a controlled environment for training. The overall tone is dramatic and emphasizes the intensity of the profession.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

Every Student. Every Day.



Discover your passion.
Design your future.



Portage Lakes Career Center

**A DIFFERENT LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT TO BRING
OUT THE BEST IN YOU.**



OUR MISSION

We equip and empower tomorrow's leaders to discover their passion and design their future.



100%

of our programs are
taught by instructors with
a minimum of 5 years
industry experience
in their field of
instruction



A SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Portage Lakes Career Center is a school of choice for students to experience hands-on education in a specific career path.

Students who attend PLCC have additional opportunities to prepare themselves for careers or higher education before graduation.

PLCC provides the platform to **gain industry-recognized credentials** for 21st century careers and opportunities to **earn college credit** through options such as articulated credit, and CTAG credit, making higher education more affordable and within reach.

CAREER-FOCUSED Skilled Trades. Hands-On Learning. Cutting-Edge Technology.

COURSES RELEVANT TO CAREER.

CAREER PATH/STUDENT PROGRAMS:

ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Design, Communication & Marketing

ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING

Engineering Processes

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

Building Trades

Electrical Technology

Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning

MANUFACTURING

Welding Technology

HEALTH SCIENCE

Pre-Nursing

Medical Technician

Sports Medicine

TWO NEW PROGRAMS IN 2024

Dental Assisting

Phlebotomy (Senior-Only)

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Culinary Arts

HUMAN SERVICES

Cosmetology

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Cyber Academy

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Automotive Technology

LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Academy

Law & Criminal Justice



"I took this program to be ahead of the game when I go to college and to increase my potential for the future."

Grace Bowe -
Design, Communication & Marketing

CAREER PATH ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

DESIGN, COMMUNICATION & MARKETING

The Design, Communication and Marketing program offers students the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies needed to pursue a career and become a successful Visual Communication Design professional in today's multimedia world.

Using state-of-the-art technology and equipment, students will explore and build creative capacity in:

- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Video Production
- Multimedia Imaging & Design
- Digital Art and Illustration

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Adobe Certified Professional in the following programs:

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Premiere Pro

Certiport Communication Skills for Business
Bleeding Control Basic



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CAREER PATH ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING

ENGINEERING PROCESSES

In Engineering Processes students engage in the design, prototyping and manufacturing of products & devices that drive modern life. We prepare students to enter a number of professional fields including engineering, CNC machining, product design, manufacturing and more. Students can expect to be learning the skills engineers, machinists and technicians use to identify, solve and create solutions to the world's problems.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

AutoCAD User
FANUC-Handling Tool Operation & Programming
OSHA 10
Certified Solid Works Associate
3M Protection
Bleeding Control Basic
CPR Certification



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“It makes me feel good just because I think I’m definitely a step ahead of most people my age. I feel good knowing I have my life on track knowing what I want to do.”

Kyle Babbin - Building Trades



CAREER PATH CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

BUILDING TRADES

Building Trades students learn the fundamentals of residential construction, maintenance, repair, and remodeling of homes. Students in this program should enjoy working outdoors in different weather conditions and will have the opportunity to master skills like: layout and roughing-in of a house, wiring and plumbing a house to code, masonry foundation and concrete work, drywall and finish carpentry, setting windows and hanging doors, painting, roofing, and siding installation. Students also learn how to operate the following construction site equipment: skid steer; excavator; telehandler; boom lift; and scissor lift.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

CITF Career Connection Certificates -
Levels 1-3
OSHA 10 Certification
Fork-lift Certification
Man-lift Operation

Aerial Work Platform
3M Protection
Bleeding Control Basic
CPR Certification



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ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY

Electricians install, connect, test, and maintain electrical systems for a variety of reasons, from climate control to security to communications. PLCC's Electrical Technology students will learn how to install, service, maintain, and troubleshoot residential, commercial, and industrial wiring systems.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Ohio State Apprenticeship Council Recognized
Pre-Apprenticeship Program Certificate of Completion
OSHA 10 Certification
Fork-lift Certification
Man-lift Operation
Aerial Work Platform
3M Protection
Bleeding Control Basic
CPR Certification



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HEATING, VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING

As the population and economy grow, so does the demand for residential, commercial & industrial climate control systems. Heating, ventilation, & air conditioning (HVAC) technicians design, install, maintain and repair the equipment used to provide environmental indoor air quality in homes and buildings.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

EPA Core + Levels 1-3 EPA Universal
OSHA 10 Certification
Fork-lift Certification
Man-lift Operation
Aerial Work Platform
3M Protection
Bleeding Control Basic
CPR Certification



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WELDING TECHNOLOGY

If you like working with your hands, seeing projects through from start to finish, and staying active while you work, welding could be a nice fit. Welders - especially those with a wide range of skills - are in high demand in both commercial and industrial businesses. In our program you will be out in the weld shop practicing stick welding or learning MIG and TIG welds. You will also learn how to program the plasma cutter for specific designs. In this dynamic program there will be lots of opportunities to be creative and put your skills to the test with special projects.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

American Welding Society Certified Welder Certification
OSHA 10 Certification
3M Protection
Bleeding Control Basic



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“They will take you from absolutely knowing nothing to teaching you one-on-one . . . I’ll be doing aluminum MIG welding at my new job which is something I’ve never done.”

Payton Snow - Welding Technology



“Having our STNA certification makes us a lot more marketable to many employers and it just gives you a confidence boost.”

Shaylin Stonkus - Pre-Nursing

CAREER PATH HEALTH SCIENCE

PRE-NURSING

Our Pre-Nursing program offers the perfect start for a career in medical and health occupations. Experience hands-on learning in our Health Technology Wing with actual patient room set-ups & equipment replicating what you would see in a hospital. Learn the practical methods needed to be eligible to participate in the Ohio State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) examination. Pre-Nursing students will receive training in current health care concepts and processes as well as health care equipment usage.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

STNA Certification
CPR Certification
ServSafe® Certification
Bleeding Control Basic



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MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Interested in a career in the healthcare field but not necessarily full, direct patient care? Perhaps the Medical Technician program is a good fit for you! Learn to perform phlebotomy and EKG testing while exploring pharmacology and health information systems. This diverse experience will prepare you for several different exciting fields including working in doctor or dentist offices, working in pharmacies, or pursuing a path as a healthcare technician in a variety of areas.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Certified Pharmacy Technician
National Healthcareer Association Certified EKG Technician
CPR Certification
Bleeding Control Basic



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SPORTS MEDICINE

Sports Medicine focuses on helping people improve their athletic performance, recover from injury and prevent future injuries. It is a fast-growing healthcare field, because health workers who specialize in sports medicine help all kinds of people, not just athletes. In this program, students focus on the basic concepts of strength training techniques, muscle and cardiovascular endurance, athletic injuries and prevention, athletic taping and bracing, and sports nutrition/wellness.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

AMCA Physical Therapy Aide Certification
Bleeding Control Basic
CPR Certification



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DENTAL ASSISTING

Discover the dynamic world of dental healthcare with our Dental Assistant course! As a dental assistant, you'll play a crucial role in supporting dentists and ensuring the dental office runs smoothly. From preparing treatment rooms and sterilizing instruments to assisting during dental exams, taking x-rays and impressions, educating patients on oral hygiene, and maintaining patient records, you'll gain invaluable hands-on experience.

Dental Assistants require strong communication skills, attention to detail, and the ability to put patients at ease. With the proper training and certification, you can gain the necessary knowledge and skills to begin a dental assisting career immediately after graduation.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Ohio Certified Dental Assistant
Dental Assistant Radiographer's Certificate
Bleeding Control Basic
CPR First Aid



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PHLEBOTOMY SENIOR-ONLY PROGRAM

Starts January 2024 - Meets M-TH afternoons, one semester

Gain valuable credentials and certifications for a career in healthcare through our Phlebotomy Technician program. You'll receive training in proper blood collection techniques and safety precautions to be prepared for immediate employment as a phlebotomist. There is also the option to become EKG certified.

This specialized program is ideal for seniors who have met graduation requirements but need direction for life after high school. Phlebotomy is an in-demand, well-paying field with average hourly wages of \$17.20 immediately after completing training. Get a headstart on a healthcare career by earning your phlebotomy certificate as a high school senior.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Certified Phlebotomist
Certified EKG
CPR Certification



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**“Just being here and finding out
exactly what I like to do and how
I thrive - it’s just great!”**

Katie Snyder - Culinary Arts

CAREER PATH HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

CULINARY ARTS

If you enjoy spending time in the kitchen, Culinary Arts is the program for you! Our Culinary Arts students have the unique opportunity to train in both a culinary institute environment and run our public restaurant, The Neon Lime, which features freshly prepared & delicious cuisine. Students not only learn how to plan menus, prepare, present, and serve food but get real-life exposure to all aspects of operating and managing a restaurant. Students are encouraged to further their training at the post-secondary level.



INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

ServSafe® Food Handler's or Manager's License
ProStart Certificate of Achievement
Bleeding Control Basic
CPR Certification



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CAREER PATH HUMAN SERVICES

COSMETOLOGY

Our Cosmetology program will train you in the fundamentals of hair, skin, and nails. You will learn all about the proper use of styling tools, skin care, and color technology. Instruction and practical experience will prepare and qualify you to take the State of Ohio Board of Cosmetology exam to become licensed.

Students gain additional confidence and hands-on experience in our full-service School of Cosmetology Salon which is operated by our students and open to the public during the school year. Our students are able to offer these services: Haircuts and Styling, Highlights and Coloring, Perms, Basic Facials, Manicures, Shellac Manicures, and Pedicures.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Ohio State Cosmetology & Barber Board License
Tanning Operators Certification



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“PLCC changed me from being a student that didn’t care about his grades to straight A’s!”

Daniel Ahrens - Cyber Academy

CAREER PATH INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

CYBER ACADEMY

The word “cyber” means a relationship with information technology (IT), i.e., computers and the networks that connect them. (It can relate to all aspects of computing, including storing data, protecting data, accessing data, processing data, transmitting data, and linking data.) In the Cyber Academy program you will learn a number of networking topics, from fundamentals to advanced applications. We will tap into your critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration and the practical application of skills in a real world environment. We are a Computer Information Services focused facility that will help prepare you for entry-level career opportunities, continuing education, and a variety of globally recognized CompTIA certifications.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Comp TIA A+
Comp TIA Server
Comp TIA Network
Comp TIA Security



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CAREER PATH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

If you want to gain knowledge and experience in the challenging field of automotive service and repair, this program is for you. This is an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) nationally certified program, where students learn mechanical service repair and diagnostics on cars and light trucks. Practical experience is gained in the areas of brakes, electrical, steering, and suspension systems and engine performance.

INDUSTRY- RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

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| ASE Student Certification: | Extensive SP2 Training & Certifications Automotive Lift Institute |
| - Brakes | |
| - Steering/Suspension | |
| - Electrical/Electronic Systems | |
| - Engine Performance | |
| - Service Technology | |
| - Maintenance & Light Repair | |



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"I learn so much better doing it."

Emma Baldinger - Fire Academy

CAREER PATH LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

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FIRE ACADEMY

Do you thrive in a high-pressure environment? Do you enjoy helping others? Do you appreciate a disciplined, rigorous environment? In our Fire Academy program, you will learn the academics, physical techniques, and employability skills to better prepare for a career as a fire-fighter and emergency medical technician. In this program, you will have the opportunity to earn your Level I and II Firefighter Certification as well as the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) basic certification.

Our partnership with Stark State College's Emergency Services program will further enhance your experience and afford you numerous opportunities to train on fire and medical equipment at both the PLCC and the Stark State campus. If your goal is to save lives, to protect property, to help and serve your community, and to safeguard the environment, Fire Academy is the fit for you.



INDUSTRY- RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

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| Firefighter I & II | EMT Basic CPR Certification | NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800 Certification 9-1-1 Basic |
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LAW & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Law & Criminal Justice program at Portage Lakes Career Center is committed to providing students with the quality education and training needed to perform effectively in a wide variety of career positions within the criminal justice and legal fields. Training will focus on the knowledge and enforcement of the law and the protection of life and property in both the public and private sectors.

Law & Criminal Justice students need to be honest, respectful, caring, have good judgement, and be physically fit. They should also be able to work in a team environment with minimal supervision.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

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| NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800 Certification | Bleeding Control Basic Certification |
| Taser Certification | CPR/First Aid Certification |
| ASP Baton Certification | 9-1-1 Basic |
| OC Pepper Spray Certification | Leadership Excellence |



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TAKING YOUR ACADEMICS AT PLCC

Fulfill your academic requirements at PLCC with academic courses, led by our outstanding instructional staff. At PLCC, we offer 17 Career Technical training programs to choose from, but realize the importance of excelling and completing your academic requirements to prepare you for graduation. Career Center students have the option of taking their required academic courses at PLCC or at their home school.

HOW TO APPLY TO PLCC - Visit our web site at www.plcc.edu OR pick up an application from your home school counselor.

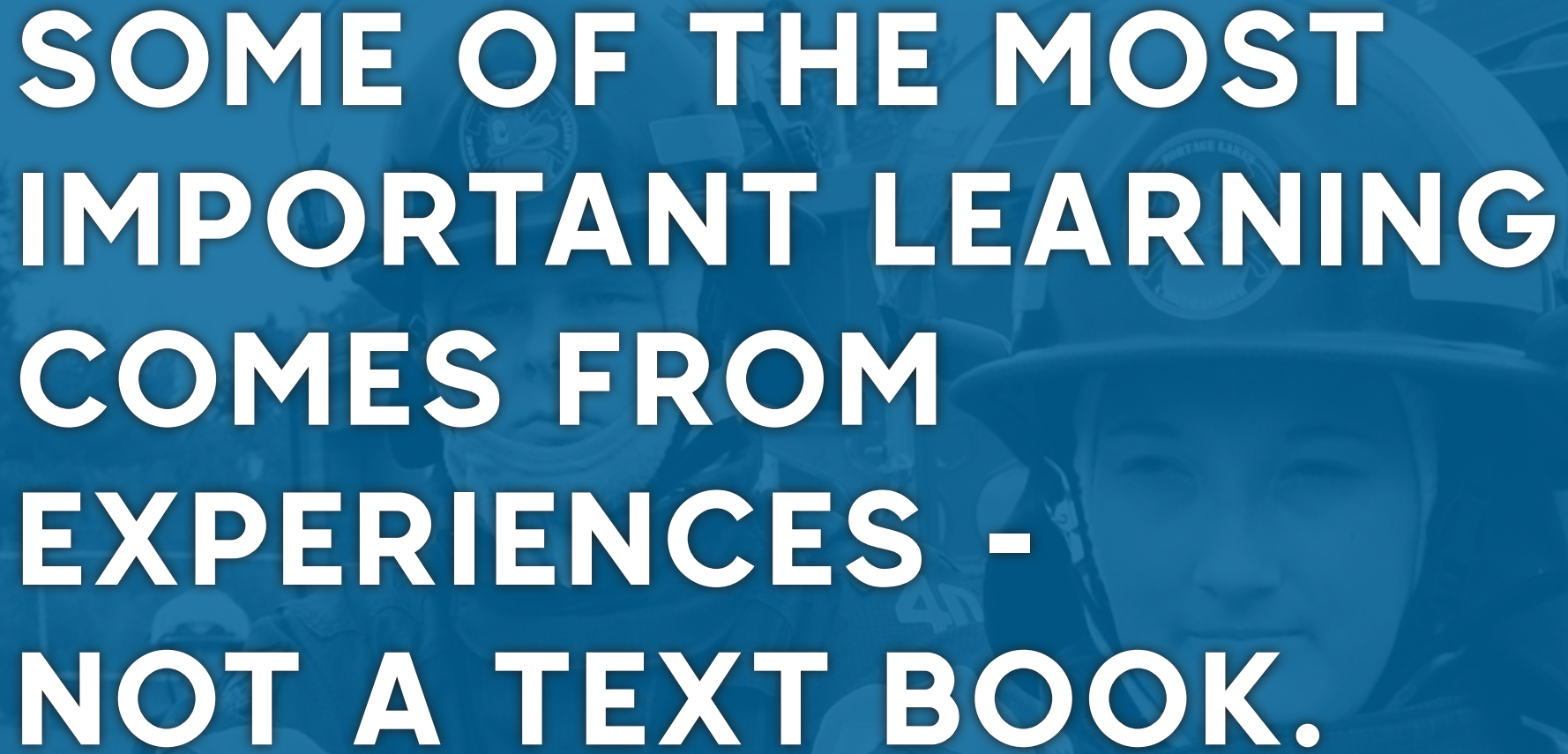
We are dedicated to connecting students to success by aligning them with the best pathway that suits their interests, skills and aspirations. If you or your parents/guardians have questions, we encourage you to contact our **Student Services Team:**

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The background of the image is a composite. The left portion is a solid blue overlay with a faint, semi-transparent image of several firefighters wearing helmets and gear. The right portion shows a close-up of a welding process, with bright yellow and orange sparks flying from a point of contact.

**SOME OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT LEARNING
COMES FROM
EXPERIENCES -
NOT A TEXT BOOK.**



Portage Lakes | Career Center



“Here the classes are smaller so the teacher can get to every student and even if you don’t ask for help they know when you’re struggling and they’ll come to you.

*Lamara Edwards -
Cosmetology*



“Before I came here I had some knowledge of cars but I never actually worked on them. Once I started working on them, everything just clicked.”

Jacob Hammer - Automotive Technology

WE BELIEVE

An innovative culture positions our students to navigate an evolving global economy.

Success demands a safe environment where individuals are respected and valued.

Experiences beyond the classroom walls enrich learning and maximize student growth.

Learning, teaching, designing, and leading is a shared responsibility.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024-2025

OCTOBER

Registration Opens
for the 2024-2025 school
year. Apply online at
www.plcc.edu
or pick up an application
from your home school
counselor.

**OCTOBER
Sophomore
Presentations**
PLCC staff will visit
each home school to
discuss the benefits of
attending
PLCC.

**NOVEMBER
15-16
Sophomore Visitation
Days**
Tenth graders will visit PLCC
and focus on 3 programs of
their choice to see first-hand
the career and technical
education programs
offered.



**“I like PLCC because I like doing hands-on
work better than sitting in classes all day.”**

Jayonna Bickley - Plumbing & Pipefitting

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: 12/8/23



Scan this QR Code for **ONLINE APPLICATION**

NOVEMBER 16 6-8PM Career Open House

Sophomores and
their parents/guardians,
are invited to discover
all that PLCC
has to offer.

JANUARY
STUDENT
ACCEPTANCE BOXES
DELIVERED TO
PARTNER
SCHOOLS!

JANUARY-
MARCH
Career Tech Tuesdays

Sophomores who have not
applied or been accepted will
have the opportunity to visit
up to two programs of their
choice to shadow
for half a day.



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for **FAQs**

The Portage Lakes Joint Vocational School District is an equal opportunity educational institution. Employment and educational programs are offered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, military status, ancestry, age, genetic information or any other legally protected characteristic and provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The district prohibits harassment of individuals in any form. Any alleged act of discrimination or harassment should be referred to Mr. Gregg Clark, Title IX Coordinator, Portage Lakes Career Center, 4401 Shriver Road, Uniontown, OH 44685, phone: 330-896-8200 or email: gclark@plcc.edu.

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