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## **Rhodes State Helps Students Get a “QuickStart” to College**

LIMA, Ohio – Rhodes State College is one of three colleges in Ohio to offer **Quick Start**, a program to bring substantial numbers of adults into the higher education system—adults the state was not able to reach with existing approaches. The Quick Start to College program is designed for first generation college attendees, low wage workers, and underemployed adults with little or no college background.

This project will strengthen the Ohio workforce by increasing the number of adult students entering and completing higher education. Today, less than 25% of Ohio’s population over the age of 25 has some postsecondary education. Research indicates barriers for adults are college readiness, support mechanisms, financial aid and time. Quick Start was created to teach participants the skills necessary to alleviate some of those burdens.

“If you are anxious about committing to a full load of college coursework and the whole process overwhelms you, then Rhodes State has the perfect opportunity for you. The Quick Start to College Program is a free course that will allow you to become comfortable with the college process and help you to start your college career,” said Natasha Mears, Rhodes State’s Quick Start coordinator.

In the five-week Quick Start course, students will learn about their own learning style, complete a career assessment that matches them with potential careers options, receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA), and gain access to academic advising and professional Math and English Tutors.

Currently, through Rhodes State College, the course is delivered at three locations including Rhodes State, Apollo Career Center, and Vantage Career Center.

Orientation will begin on Wednesday, January 20 at Rhodes State College from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The course is offered in a blended format—online and in the classroom. Registrations are currently being taken and seating is limited. To register for the Quick Start to College Program, contact Natasha Mears at (419) 993-7415.

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