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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.

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 Monday, January 10 at Rhodes State College, Wednesday, January 19 at Apollo Career Center, and Tuesday, January 25 at Vantage Career Center. All Orientations are 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 Deb Mills at (419) 993-7415.