

Gentry Career and Technical Education Center

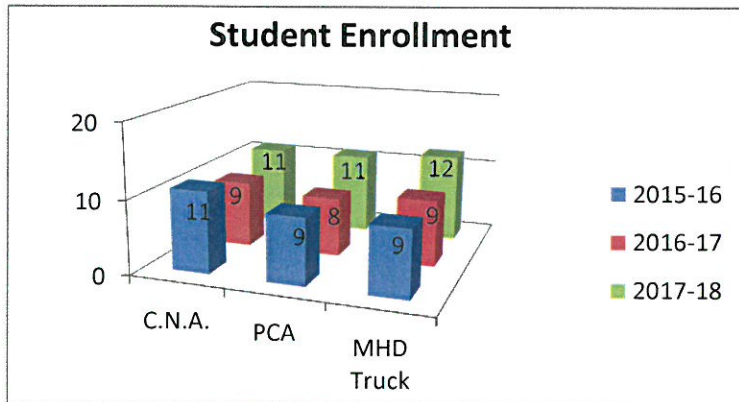
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GCTEC Return on Investment

Gentry Career and Technical Education Center is now in its third year of operation. The program began in the Gentry Public Schools bus garage, and with the support of the citizens of Gentry, a millage was passed in Fall, 2016 for the construction of a state-of-the-art facility to expand the Medium/Heavy Duty Truck and Health Care program. Many Industry partners were also involved in the planning, promotion, and launch of this project. As a true partner and faithful steward of taxpayer dollars and partnership investments, Gentry Public Schools believes that it is imperative that we ensure and communicate the return on the investments into our school.

Enrollment in the both programs has held steady with increases this year.



2015-16 was a pilot year for the Medium/Heavy Duty Truck program (MHD Truck). It opened in the Spring semester of 2016.

Three Decatur School District students enrolled in the CNA and PCA program in 2016-17 and the current school year and are included in the numbers reported.

The 2017-18 enrollment numbers for MHD Truck include one Bentonville, two Decatur, and three Siloam Springs School District students.

Where did they go?

As of the Summer of 2017, graduates of the GCTEC programs have made the decision to further their education, go straight to work, or a combination of both as can be seen in the chart below. Prior to entering the workforce, two students completed internships with JB Hunt and McKee Foods in 2016-17.

Although all of our students have not chosen to work or prepare to work in the field of their program of study, there are students who made the decision to go into other skilled trades listed below.

Welding Certification/Workforce	1
Light/Medium Truck Program at NTI	1
Journeyman to become Master Electrician	1

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***Post-Secondary Outcomes for Students Who Participated in GCTEC Programs**

	Medium/Heavy Duty Truck	Health Care
Post-Secondary Education	4	7
Workforce (In Program Area)	3	3
Post-Secondary or Workforce in Skilled Trade Other Than Program Area	3	0
Internship Prior to Workforce (In Program Area)	2	0

*We have students counted in the enrollment numbers in both programs who have not graduated yet and are still participating in the programs as seniors in the 2017-18 school year.

Post-Secondary Partnerships

In August, 2017, Gentry Public Schools and Northwest Technical Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding providing the opportunity for students to earn up to a full year of their post-secondary credits while in the GCTEC Medium/Heavy Duty Truck program. This has already sparked increased interest among currently enrolled students to pursue a career in this program.

Northwest Arkansas Community College offers the CNA and PCA certification programs on the GCTEC campus. NWACC provides the instructor for the certification programs, and Gentry Public Schools provides the students, facility, materials, and supplies. Three credit hours per course are awarded students who successfully complete the program.

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Donations to Gentry Public Schools Medium/Heavy Duty Truck Program

McKee Foods, Inc.:

1999 Volvo Truck

5.9 Cummins on a stand

Instructor

Purkeys:

Battery chargers

Intelli-Check testers

Truck-Lite:

Light board

Jost:

5th wheel

Stemco:

Seal driver set

JB Hunt:

Maxforce Engine

Detroit Series 60

Power divider and differential

Eaton transmission

MHC:

I-Shift transmission

Misc items

Remy:

Parts and plans for a starting charging board

Gentry Public Schools:

1995 bus

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Eaton Corporation:

Transmission

Maverick Transportation:

Disc brake trainer

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The Future of GCTEC

What's next for GCTEC?

Immediate Goals (6 months-1 year)

1. Add morning courses in Medium/Heavy Duty Truck program and afternoon courses in the Medical program so that students will have increased flexibility to enroll
2. Increase enrollment in the program by 20%
3. Add new industry partners to advisory councils
4. Increase awareness of programs beginning in middle school
5. Add Introductory Craft Skills class for students in grades 9-12

Short Term Goals (1-3 years)

1. Increase enrollment in the program by 20%
2. Increase the number of students enrolled from partner schools
3. Increase the number of partner schools participating in the program
4. Add new industry partners to advisory councils.
5. Add Phlebotomy Technician certification
6. Expand partnership with NWACC and NTI
7. Expand middle school partnerships and awareness program

Long Term Goals (3-5 years)

1. Increase local and partner school enrollment in the program steadily by 10% each year
2. Add an additional instructor
3. Expand program offerings to adults in the evening
4. Become THE place to shop for Medium/Heavy Duty Truck technicians, Certified Nursing Assistants, and Personal Care Aids in Arkansas and surrounding states

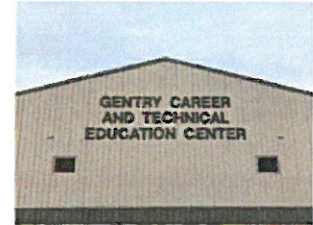
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What is the Gentry Career and Technical Education Center?

The Gentry Career and Technical Education Center (GCTEC) is a new facility that opened in August, 2017, on the Gentry High School Conversion Charter campus. GCTEC was built in response to shortages in qualified applicants indicated by local industry partners for the purpose of preparing qualified applicants for entry-level positions and the rigorous curriculum of post-secondary education for those who choose to go to college.



Programs of Study GCTEC currently offers Medium and Heavy Duty Truck program of study and certification programs for students in multiple areas in healthcare.

Personal Accountability Personal accountability skills are essential to success in the workforce. Students are not only taught content in the subject areas they study but are also held to high standards of personal accountability.

Career and College Preparation The ultimate goal of GCTEC is to prepare students for a pathway to success. We realize there are many pathways to success, and preparing students for successful careers will also prepare them for success in college as well.

Community, Industry, and Business Partnerships In order to provide a skilled workforce that is fully prepared for employment, we must first understand what skills are needed. Industry Advisory Councils have been established for all programs of study to ensure that our programming remains relevant to our local and state employers. Many of those employers are global companies.

Educational Partnerships Gentry Public Schools enjoys partnerships with surrounding school districts in which students in any of the partner schools can enroll in the programs of another partner school.

Post-Graduation Opportunities GCTEC students will have a multitude of opportunities after they graduate. This includes college, technical college, the workforce, military, or a combination of these. Our goal is to provide students with relevant skills needed to be successful in any and all of the paths to success they choose throughout their lives.

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Medium/Heavy Duty Truck Program



Potential Future Careers

Below are the average yearly salaries for careers in Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics as of May, 2015, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local averages are higher and vary by company.

- Marketing and Sales Managers \$102,520
- Heating, Air Technician \$45,060
- Mobile Heavy Equipment Tech \$42,410
- Heavy Vehicle/Equip. Service Tech \$42,290
- Bus/Truck Diesel Engine Specialists \$41,850
- Automotive Technicians/Repairers \$40,070
- Supervisors of Mechanics \$63,100
- General and Operations Manager \$102,520
- Business and Financial Operations \$62,290
- Software Developer/Programmers \$79,760

Industry Partners:

McKee Foods, Inc., Truck Centers of Arkansas, Arkansas Trucking Association, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Tyson Foods, Inc., PAM Transport, Purkeys, DMT Services, Inc., JB Hunt Transport, Inc., Simmons Foods, Inc., Summit Trucking, LLC

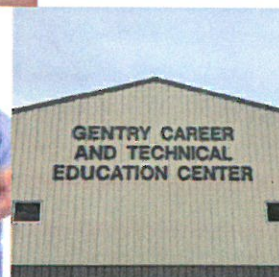
If you are interested in technology, electricity, medium/heavy duty trucks, problem solving, heavy equipment, working with hand tools, industry certifications, and internship opportunities, this may be the pathway for you.

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Health Care (Technical and Professional)



Certifications Offered

Certified Nurse Assistant

Personal Care Aid

OSHA 10

GCTEC Focus Skills for Success

Students in this program are held to high performance standards for academics as well as work readiness skills. Critical thinking, strong written and verbal communication, listening, skill in math and science courses, adaptability to new and changing situations, workplace readiness skills, and strong attendance record and punctuality are areas of focus for this program.

Potential Future Careers

With additional training and/or college, below are the average yearly salaries for jobs in the health care field located in Northwest Arkansas as of May, 2015, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Salaries may vary by employer.

- Family Physicians \$187,200+
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) \$43,170
- Registered Nurse (RN) \$67,490
- Nurse Practitioner \$104,740
- Nursing Assistants \$25,710
- Veterinarian \$88,490
- Surgical Technologist \$44,330
- Dentist \$158,310
- Dental Hygienists \$72,330