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ACTE Announces Ohio Medical Assistant Director and Coordinator, Patient Care Technician Coordinator as National Award Finalist

ALEXANDRIA, VA—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) announces Tonya Lloyd, a medical assistant director and coordinator / patient care technician coordinator at EHOVE Adult Career Center in Milan, Ohio, as the 2015 ACTE Region I Postsecondary Teacher of the Year. The ACTE Postsecondary Teacher of the Year award recognizes career and technical teachers and teacher educators who have demonstrated excellence and best practices in CTE at the postsecondary level.

During her five years at the EHOVE Adult Career Center, Tonya Lloyd has made significant contributions to the adult education department. Lloyd has been a leader and advocate for the center on many fronts: in addition to organizing new marketing initiatives for the center, she works diligently with local advisory boards to ensure that the organization is providing the most current training for local and regional in-demand occupations. Lloyd spearheaded the creation of the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program, which combines a number of short-term offerings into a full-time occupational program that prepares participants for a variety of credentials. Its three cohorts of program completers boast a 100 percent passage rate on all available industry credentials and nearly 100 percent student employment in the field immediately following completion.

During the center's recent accreditation process with the Council on Occupational Education, Lloyd volunteered to pilot the newly proposed policies and procedures in her Medical Assistant and PCT programs. Thanks to Lloyd's strong partnerships with business and industry partners, several pieces of industry equipment have been donated to her classroom. Lloyd is well-respected among her teaching peers and medical industry personnel in the region, and her hands-on approach to teaching to the diverse learning styles of adult learners has garnered consistently positive feedback from students and clinical supervisors. "Tonya expects the best out of her students and instructors," says Doug Klein, trades and industry coordinator at EHOVE Adult Career Center. "We are all excited to have someone as dedicated as Tonya working with us."

Lloyd is one of five finalists for the 2016 national title. The national winner will be announced at the [ACTE Awards Banquet](#), a dinner and award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country. The event will take place on Thursday evening, November 19, during ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Awards Banquet is sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, Kuder, CareerSafe, Certiport, and Stratasys. For more information about the ACTE Excellence Awards, [visit our webpage](#).

**About ACTE**

The [Association for Career and Technical Education \(ACTE\)](#) is the nation's largest not-for-profit association committed to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for successful careers. ACTE represents the community of CTE professionals, including educators, administrators, researchers, guidance counselors and others at all levels of education. ACTE is committed to excellence in providing advocacy, public awareness and access to resources, professional development and leadership opportunities.

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