

# EDUCATION FOR TODAY

## » Stautzenberger College

For students seeking a warm and inviting learning environment, Stautzenberger College is a must see. From its spacious lobby, to its high-tech labs and intimate classrooms, this college focuses on ensuring that each student follows his or her passion. Students are never names and numbers. Instead, the staff and faculty treat students to an unparalleled experience that ensures them opportunities to explore their futures, not just their textbooks.

The college is located in picturesque Brecksville, Ohio on a beautiful, 25,000-square-foot campus that opened in fall 2008. Director Donna K. Palmer, Esquire, leads Stautzenberger College. She is the force behind the vision that drives the college, but readily notes that the college's growth is only possible because of the quality of her staff and faculty: "We are truly blessed to boast a faculty renowned for their passion and commitment to our students," says Palmer.

Stautzenberger College offers associate degrees only in fields that are in-demand in North-

east Ohio. The college's goal is to provide a strong educational foundation to each of its students in fields that are growing. Neither the college nor the student ever loses sight of the ultimate goal — that its students find employment on or before graduation.

This philosophy makes the college's graduates highly employable. For instance, in its last reporting period, the college placed more than 90 percent of its graduates in jobs. According to Palmer, some of the area's most prominent firms have asked for the privilege of having first dibs on the college's Court Reporting and Paralegal Studies graduates. In today's volatile work environment, such opportunity "is worth its weight in gold," says Palmer.

"Stautzenberger College's programs offer our students variety and challenge, whether the field of interest is entrepreneurship or massage therapy. Our standards are high, our expectations high-

er, and our students feel that commitment to their futures," she says.

Stautzenberger College's graduates are in demand in part because its accelerated programs are designed to allow students to hit the ground running and to minimize the amount of on-the-job training employers must offer. Nearly all of the college's programs are designed to be completed within two years for the full-time student. Course offerings are crafted to minimize the amount of time a student must spend on campus, so even full-time students may work to support themselves. Each program offers students an opportunity to experience the work environment prior to graduation through clinics and externships. These capstone experiences act as extended interviews and often result in job offers.

The college offers boutique programs, such as Paralegal Studies and Court Reporting, for those seeking intimate discussion and one-on-one attention. It also boasts the largest Veterinary Technician Program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association in the state. The college recently launched three new programs: Business & Entrepreneurial Management, Legal Secretary and Massage Therapy. Each of its programs is crafted to meet the demands of the market to ensure graduates have skills needed not only in these professions as they exist today, but as they will evolve tomorrow. This lifelong commitment to learning is a core feature of every program offered by the college.

Palmer says because of the job market's volatility, now is the best time for individuals seeking to retool to return to college. "The flexibility in our scheduling, together with financial aid for those who qualify, makes it possible for our students to balance work, family and education." The college's scholarships and grants make it possible for nearly everyone to learn what they love.



Stautzenberger College opened in Brecksville in 2008 and offers degrees in sought-after local fields.

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