

### Introducing the New Associate of Applied Science in General Technology



Utah State University Brigham City Regional Campus (BCRC) and Bridgerland Applied Technology College (BATC) have combined to offer an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in General Technology. **This program will begin Fall semester, 2011.**

In order to receive an Associate of Applied Science in General Technology a student must complete a 900-hour certificate program at BATC and then be admitted to

Utah State University. The 900-hour program at BATC will be awarded the equivalent of 30 University credits. Students will then complete an additional 33-38 credits at USU Brigham City Regional Campus [BCRC] in order to reach the minimum of 63 credits for the degree. Some of the emphasis areas in the AAS in General Technology degree require more than the minimum of 63 credits.

#### Degree Options –

Students will have four options for an AAS degree: Allied Health, Business, Design and Creative Arts, and Technology Systems. Besides the equivalent of 30 transfer credits, students will complete 15 credits of General Education and 18-23 credits in an emphasis area.

#### Steps in earning the AAS degree –

Students who wish to pursue this degree plan should:

- Contact a BATC student service coordinator or a USU BCRC academic advisor to discuss degree options and to learn about financial aid (qualifying students can receive financial aid for both the 900 hour program at BATC and the courses at USU BCRC to complete the AAS in General Technology)
- Apply to USU for admission.
- Provide an official transcript from BATC as part of the admission process.\*
- Meet with a USU BCRC advisor to plan a schedule of courses to meet all requirements.
- Register and complete USU classes at the Brigham City Regional Campus.

\*According to the Utah State Board of Regents policy, credit for work completed at Bridgerland will be posted to the USU transcript when the program requirements at USU BCRC are completed. The 30 credits transferred from BATC will not affect a student's grade point average.

Interested students should contact either their BATC advisor or Utah State University Brigham City Regional Campus advisor.

### Michelle Shook, Learner and Teacher

Michelle Shook came to the USU Brigham City campus in January 2010 to take the pre-nursing courses taught here such as biology, physiology, and microbiology. Initially her goal was to become a nurse, but sometimes one class can change your life. That class for Michelle happened during her second semester when she took anatomy from Dr. Thayne Sweeten. Michelle says, "I was very impressed with Dr. Sweeten's teaching technique and how he inspired a love of his subject in the students. I didn't realize until then how much I would love biology."

When a microbiology tutoring position became available, Michelle applied and was

hired. Later, she began tutoring anatomy too. She is a very dedicated tutor and makes a valiant effort to help students understand



the various concepts. In addition to tutoring students at the Brigham City campus, she conducts a weekly IVC tutoring session to

help students throughout the state. Michelle comments, "I love the feel of the Brigham City campus—the people are friendly and teachers are accessible. It feels like a small, private university. I enjoy tutoring so much; I have changed my major to biology."

An avid reader, Michelle has a collection of over 1,500 books. "One day I will get a chance to read again," she states, "maybe when I'm done with school. I read a lot of theology and history, and British classic authors are great!" It may be a while before Michelle gets time to read her collection because her ultimate goal is to obtain a Doctorate of Philosophy in Biology and teach at the university level.

*The 2011 USU Brigham City Commencement was held on April 29, 2011, at the Box Elder High School. Among the 181 graduates were Elizabeth Nelson, Office Systems Support Valedictorian; Clair Hawkins, Associate of Pre-Engineering Valedictorian; McKinzie Hawkins, Associate of General Studies Valedictorian; Jennifer Christensen, Statewide Master of Social Work Student of the Year; and Sherie Sims Alvari, Brigham City Master of Social Work Student of the Year. Congratulations to all our graduates.*

