

CCC learning center moving to larger facility at Lexington

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Central Community College-Lexington will start spring semester classes in a new location.

The Lexington Center is scheduled to move into the Dawson County Opportunity Center on Thursday, Jan. 6, with spring semester classes starting Jan. 10.

The move expands the space available in the Lexington Center from 2,800 square-feet at the previous downtown location to 20,000 square-feet in the former Walmart building, located at 1501 Plum Creek Parkway.

Cassie Smith, associate dean of extended learning services at the Lexington Center, said the new location will increase CCC's visibility in the community, put all of the college's programs in Lexington under one roof, and provide new opportunities for classes and technical training programs.

The new facility will include a large general purpose room, three distance learning classrooms, a nursing classroom, an industrial lab, three classrooms for college credit and general educational development classes, a classroom for foundations education classes, a computer lab, a testing room, four offices and a reception area.

Services currently available at the Lexington Center include college credit classes; distance learning classes; avocational-recreation classes; Adult Education classes; GED high school equivalency diploma classes and testing; English as a Second Language classes; and business, industry and professional training.

The City of Lexington purchased the former Walmart building to provide expanded educational opportunities and employee and business development activities for the community.

CCC joins Lexington Public Schools in the Dawson County Opportunity Center. A Health and Humans Services call center is planned for the last quarter of 2011. The City of Lexington is in discussion with other possible partners for the center.

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