NOVA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The NOVA Program is a comprehensive career education program that uses an individualized approach to learning as an innovative alternative to lecture-based education. Because the NOVA Program has been designed with independent learning components, it can be easily configured to meet the specific career educational needs of program students and the varying operational requirements of sponsoring organizations that set up a Career Education Center (CEC).

All NOVA Program applications use computerenhanced, self-instructional curriculum and mastery-based learning techniques. After an initial diagnostic assessment, program students are individually placed at a level where they can perform without the stress of competition or fear of failure. The CEC administrator then provides motivational support for students as they each work at their own pace to achieve their pre-defined program goals.

Because the NOVA Program uses computer technology and self-instructional curriculum, and places an emphasis on learning, rather than teaching, students are able to accelerate their learning process and to assume responsibility for their own education. Because the program provides immediate positive feedback and rewards for accomplishment, it also dramatically improves the self-worth and self-confidence of students. With courses and software designed to ensure that all learning is practical and measurable, learning efficiency is maximized and the tracking of student progress is easy.

Not only does the NOVA Program improve the career academic skills of program students, it also emphasizes character development and enables students to learn positive work habits such as goal setting, problem solving, accountability, conflict resolution, self-discipline, and respect for authority. Additionally, the NOVA Program helps students define a career path, identify and eliminate any barriers to employment, complete job readiness activities, and learn job search techniques. As such, the NOVA Program is both a cost-effective, results-oriented alternative to conventional education and a practical approach to attaining entry-level career employment.