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Triton College's School of Continuing of Education's New Human Resources Grant Program Helps Students Get Ahead in In-Demand Field

RIVER GROVE, III. – Triton College's School of Continuing Education recently received a grant through the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), allowing students to earn a human resources certification. The classes are entirely online and will begin in the fall of 2024.

Dr. Bianca Sola-Perkins, dean of the School of Continuing Education, wanted to bring a certification program to campus to give students the tools and skills to get ahead in a growing, in-demand field.

The grant, a part of ICCB's Noncredit Workforce Training Initiative, is geared towards offering business solutions to employers and expanding affordable noncredit training for students.

"According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Job Outlook, jobs within the human resources field are expected to increase 6% over the next several years, which is 3% faster than the average growth of all other occupations," said Dr. Sola-Perkins.

The first course, Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) Exam Prep prepares students for the SHRM National Certification Exam. Upon completing the course, students can obtain a certification of completion, granting them more expertise and giving them an edge when applying to jobs.

The second course, the Human Resources Management Program course, explores essential principles and practices of human resources management.

"These two courses are for people who want to enhance their repertoire or anyone who is interested in working in human resources," said Katie Rullo, associate dean of the School of Continuing Education. "Like most of our vocational educational opportunities, this grant is focused on a noncredit workforce looking for training and to gain knowledge."

Individuals who enroll in these courses can utilize these skills and have an advantage over competition in the field of human resources. Going further, those who take these courses and wish to continue their studies in the field can seamlessly enroll in the Triton College School of Business and obtain an associate degree in human resources.

"We are excited about this new initiative and the opportunities it will bring to the community," said Dr. Sola-Perkins. "Our goal is to provide accelerated, high-quality programming that meets the needs of both job seekers and employers. We believe these new certification courses will help us in accomplishing that mission."

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Triton College is an institution of higher education dedicated to student success. Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs designed for students to realize their career aspirations and effectively compete in a global economy. The college campus spans 110 acres in River Grove, Illinois, holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's exemplary faculty and staff work to provide high-quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 10,000 students each year. Triton College is a member of The Community Colleges of Illinois and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at http://triton.edu/.