

WPCC to offer degree in building construction technology

Jack Huss, dean of Natural Sciences and Engineering at Western Piedmont Community College, has announced that Western Piedmont Community College will begin offering a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program in Building Construction Technology.

The curriculum is designed to accommodate both those who wish to take only a few related courses as well as those who wish to pursue

the full Associate degree. The first students will enroll in the program during Winter Quarter.

Huss explains that the program is organized to provide entering students with theory and practical experience so that they may decide on the specific career they desire to pursue, such as building mechanic (carpentry/masonry) or building construction technician.

"Students with an interest in a

construction career can enter our program, be exposed to all aspects of the trade, then receive specific training in the area they choose," he states.

The new degree will include courses in mathematics, drafting, applied physics, building construction techniques, and blueprint reading.

During the building mechanic phase, students will take courses in

carpentry, masonry, estimating, and related subjects, while the building construction phase of the curriculum will include courses to develop leadership qualities and provide students with the technical knowledge and skills of construction.

Courses in construction equipment, estimating, mathematics, personnel management and supervision, surveying, and new construction techniques are included in the

second year of the program.

During the College's Winter Quarter, which begins Dec. 1, the following classes will be offered:

- Tool Usage & Tool Certification (Tuesdays, 5:30-9:30 pm)
- Building Codes - Residential (Thursdays, 5:30-9:30 pm)
- Commercial Estimating (Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:00-9:50 pm)
- Technical Math (Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:00-6:50 pm)

Registration for the quarter will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Huss states that, for interested employers, the college will come to the office or job site to provide specific information.

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