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Nevada GOED Partners with Truckee Meadows Community College to Offer Students Tuition-Free Data Analytic Classes to Learn Skills Employers Need

LAS VEGAS – The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) has teamed with Truckee Meadows Community College to provide nearly 250 Nevadans a seat in two newly created online courses to learn real-world data analytics skills employers are seeking.

Students can apply for one of the tuition-free seats starting today. Through the use of the Workforce Innovations for the New Nevada (WINN) grants, the courses will give skills that Nevada employers like Renown Health, Lift 361 and Grand Rounds, want. Nevada companies say they will need to hire nearly 100 workers with data analytic skills in the next year.

“We must invest in Nevadans by supporting programs that provide a pipeline of workers with skills that businesses demand,” Gov. Steve Sisolak said. “Staying on the forefront of workforce development will allow our state's economy to grow and create the pathway to employment for our citizens.”

Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) developed the online classes – Introduction to Analytics and Analytical Programming and Data Visualization – and will be accepting students from all over Nevada. Students can fill out an online interest form at [TMCC's Data Analytic Training](#). Students must be Nevada residents to receive a tuition-free seat and priority is given to veterans, unemployed and underemployed applicants.

“Training Nevada workers with skills that employers are seeking is the foundation of the WINN grants,” said GOED Executive Director Paul Anderson. “GOED will continue to find partners that will provide creative and innovative programs to ensure our workers keep up with the skills necessary for a changing economy.”

The WINN grant program was created in 2015 by the Nevada Legislature to help develop a highly skilled and diverse workforce. Since the inception of the program, more than \$8 million has been awarded to non-profit organizations, community colleges and universities to help equip Nevada workers with skills needed by employers.

“TMCC is honored to help create the data analytics program that will help everyday Nevadans acquire the skills necessary to further their careers or start new ones,” said TMCC President Dr. Karin Hilgersom. “We are looking forward to students using these interactive online courses to learn at their own pace and use their newly gained skills in the workplace.”

Data analytics is so important as nearly all of Nevada’s industries such as marketing, insurance, financial services, manufacturing, health care, information technology, mining and service industries, use large data sets in the decision-making process.

For more information on the data analytic classes, please visit [TMCC’s Data Analytic Training](#) website, or call 775-857-4997.

For more information about the Nevada GOED’s WINN grants, please visit diversifynevada.com.

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