Cerritos College Offers In-Demand Engineering Design Software Training

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NORWALK, Calif. - May 13, 2010 - In light of the global economic crisis, Cerritos College’s Engineering Design Technology Department is currently offering the retraining of the employees and students – a head start in the aerospace industry through engineering design software courses.

Engineering design software courses taught at Cerritos College cover programs such as 2011 latest releases of AutoCAD, Autodesk; 3-ds MAX DESIGN, Mechanical Desktop, MAP 3-D, Inventor, SolidWorks, and CATIA V5—R20. According to Farid Wissa, chairman and professor of the Engineering Design Technology Department, knowledge of these programs are highly desired by industry giants and their sub-contractors and suppliers seeking to hire highly qualified and well trained employees.

“Engineering companies are in need of good designers to be part of their teams with Very High Salary Rates,” Wissa said. “In fact, currently Aerospace firms have open job positions, and engineering software designers are needed for contributing to the building of high number of airplanes in the years to come.” These Aerospace firms are contacting us for referring some students for hiring.

Enrollment is underway for six-week classes starting July 6 for the summer 2010. Students can register online at www.cerritos.edu. For the summer schedule which starts July 6, 2010 we are offering two classes which are ENGT 138 “AutoCAD 2011” and ENGT 265 “CATIA V5—R20.” Those interested in taking any of these classes are encouraged to apply immediately while space still exists.

Students may not register unless they meet all the required prerequisites taken at Cerritos College. Students who feel that they have work experience and/or education elsewhere which meets the required pre-requisite may contact the Engineering Design Technology Department to discuss alternatives that can satisfy prerequisites.

High school juniors and seniors may enroll in most engineering technology courses free of cost while they are still at the high school to earn both high school and college credit

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under the College Bridge Program. For more information about the College Bridge Program, minors should speak with their high school counselors and the Cerritos College counselors.

The Engineering Design Technology Department has course credit transfer agreements with California State University, Los Angeles; California State University, Long Beach; and other surrounding universities.

For further information please visit www.cerritos.edu/engt or call (562) 860-2451, ext 2910 (Farid Wissa) or ext. 2908 (Jaya Hiranandani), or e-mail fwissa@cerritos.edu or hiranandani@cerritos.edu.

Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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