

The Luna Light



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"The People's College"

Becoming The Premier Rural Community College in America

LCC Building Technologies students acquire national certification

Skills taught at LCC make students more valuable to employers

Six Luna Community College students did something no others have done in New Mexico—complete national and state certifications as journeyman carpenters through a post-secondary institution.

The six went through building technology courses offered at Luna Community College in collaboration with the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

"There is no other program like it in the state of New Mexico," said LCC Building Technology Instructor Joseph Montoya. "We are the only nationally accredited education facility where this program is being taught in a post-secondary educational system."

All six were apprentices at Franken Construction, a local employer, who sent them to LCC, a nationally accredited educational facility for training.

"Anywhere in the nation where our graduates go, these credentials they earned are valid and accepted and well respected," said Montoya.

The six graduates had been attending LCC over the course of the last two and one half years.

"We had them on the fast track, in accordance with apprenticeship standards and procedures," said Montoya.

The building technologies and concrete finishing programs offered at Luna Community College are designed to appeal to and accommodate a diverse group of students, including professional and non-traditional stu-



Pictured are students and participants in graduation festivities held at the Plaza Hotel for graduates from the LCC Building Technologies Carpenter Journeyman Certification Program. Pictured (top, l-r) left Ralph Mora, Associated General Contractors Apprenticeship Coordinator, LCC President Dr. Pete Campos, graduate Michael Montaña, graduate John Silva, LCC Vocational Director Gary Martinez, graduate Joseph Gomez, LCC Instructor Joseph J. Montoya, graduate Charles Montoya, graduate Michael Valdez, and Larry Franken of Franken Construction.

dents, as well as students already employed as part of the local workforce.

"This program is designed by contractors in the industry, in order to fulfill the lack of skilled workers that plagues the industry today," said Montoya.

"They are both vigorous programs. For each of the five levels in the journeyman carpenter program, it takes a score of 70 or above to pass, plus all students must complete all hands on

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FIRE SCIENCE

- Are you interested in becoming a firefighter?
- Are you currently in the fire service and want to improve or enhance your skills and credentials?
- Do you want a degree in higher education as well as a stepping stone to additional studies at the baccalaureate level?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then the Associate Degree in Fire Science at Luna Community College is right for you.

Fall Registration is Now Taking Place
Classes start August 22, 2011

“Firefighting—Train Hard—Work Hard—Fight Smart”

Several Luna CC students receive scholarships

The Luna Community College Office of Student Financial Assistance is pleased to announce the scholarship recipients for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The following students have been awarded a \$1,000 Horizon Scholarship: Annette Alderete, Victoria Alderete, Robert Blea, Jacobo Encinias, Maria Gallardo, Jared Gallegos, Adam Gonzales, Gabriella Gonzales, Rachael Haycox, Jordan Lopez, Jennae Lucero, Andres Medina, Victoria Olguin, Larrisa Romero, Alma Sanchez, Joelynn Sanchez, Estrella Tenorio, Phillip Ulibarri, Keith Valdez and Marissa Valdez.

Students receiving Roadrunner Scholarships are; Taylor Atencio, Ernest Cislighi, Ben Casey Encinias, Ralph Gallegos, Desiree Griego,

Amberlynn Lucero, MariaElena Martinez, Brittney Moncayo, Juan Montano, Derek Pino, Justin Smith, and James Valdez.

We extend congratulations to all scholarship recipients and wish them much success in their academic endeavors. Horizon and Roadrunner Scholarship information is available at the Luna Community College Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Applications for these scholarships are available each spring for the forthcoming academic year.

Anyone interested in additional information is encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Jesse's quick hits

Remember to smile a few times a day. I hope this helps—Jesse

What's a bee's favorite song?
Stinging in the rain.

Where does the bee work?
He has his own buzzness.

A big thank you

On behalf of the Luna Community College Dental Assisting Program, I would like to extend sincere gratitude to Dr. Frank Sanchez, from Sanchez Dental for donating the panoramic x-ray machine to our program, a few years before his retirement.

In addition, recognition and appreciation to Dr. Daniel Sanchez and the Santa Fe District Dental Society from Santa Fe and all other supporting dentists in Las Vegas and surrounding communities, for their support and generosity to the dental program and the students. Without your support, dental students would not have the opportunity for training and skill experience. Thank you for the support.

Gloria B. Pacheco, CDA, AA
LCC Dental Program Administrator



Voice acting hopefuls Kaarin Rougeux and Gloria Pacheco practice their scripts and ready their voices as Dave Rowell, Voice Coaches producer, offers advice to the students. LCC's Community Education Program offers the class "Get Paid To Talk" three times a year here in Las Vegas. The class is for anyone hoping to market their voice in the voice-over industry.

LIFE RUN

5K RUN/WALK & 1 MILE KIDS' RUN Saturday, September 17, 2011

5K Run/Walk begins @ 7:30 a.m. 1 Mile Kids' Run begins @ 8:15 a.m.

Registration Closes @ 7:15 a.m.

Registration Closes @ 8:00 a.m.

Course starts/finishes at AVRH's parking lot – Las Vegas, NM

For more information, visit:
AltaVistaRegionalHospital.com or call (505) 426-3772.



ON-LINE COURSES FAST FACTS:

LCC is currently offering approximately Sixty (60) On-line courses during the Fall 2011 Semester

Don't Be Left Behind!
Register Now for Best Selection
Classes start August 22, 2011

Registration Options:
Main Campus, Las Vegas, NM
Santa Rosa Satellite, Santa Rosa, NM
Springer Satellite, Springer, NM
Mora — Course Location, Mora, NM
On-line — www.luna.edu

On-line Courses:

Accounting	Freshman Comp I & II
Intro to Anthropology	Business Ethics
Cultures of the World	Art History
Medical Terminology	Nutrition
Intro to Business	Microsoft Access
Computer Fundamentals	Equine Genetics
Principles of Finance	College Algebra
Prin of Macroeconomics	Microsoft Excel
Curriculum Development I	American History I
American Literature I	Western Civilization I
New Mexico History	General Mathematics
Algebra with Applications	Intermediate Algebra
Principles of Marketing	Family Nursing II
Mental Health Nursing	Adult Nursing I
Business Writing	Human Sexuality
Intro to Philosophy	Intro to Psychology
American Nat'l Government	State & Local Gov't
Developmental Life Span	Abnormal Psychology
Developmental Reading	Intro to Sociology
Beginning Spanish I	World Religions
Interpersonal Communications	
Intro to Agriculture Economics & Business	
Child Growth and Development	
Military Professionalism	
Intro to Military Literature	
Military Leadership Theory & Practice	
Pharmacotherapeutic Interventions III	

Visit the website for a complete listing of times and dates of courses offerings



Cost:
Distance Learning Fee: —
\$25 per course
Tuition Fees (per credit hour):
\$35 in-district
\$48 out of district
\$91 out of state
\$23 Registration Fee

Weekly Activities

Monday, July 18, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Class Presentations/
Public Speaking (LRC/Lecture Hall)

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General
Studies/102B)

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Workshop for Early
Childhood Professionals (EarlyChild/
Rm.101)

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. DWI Class (General
Studies/102B)

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. LCC Board of Trus-
tees "Board Meeting" (LCC Santa Rosa
Site)

Thursday, July 21, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Civic
Housing Authority Mtg. (LCC Mora Site/
Library)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CRS Taxes (Student
Services/Conference Room)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Color & Sound Ther-
apy for Humans & Animals (IPC/Cafe)

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Monthly Water Board
of Director's Meeting (Technologies/126B)

Friday, July 22, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LCC SAAI & Future
Leaders Program Luncheon (IPC/
Cafeteria)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LCC SAAI Student
Success Seminar (Allied Health/LO-1)

Saturday, July 23, 2011

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. C.N.A. Testing
(Allied Health/Nrsg. Lab#3, Comp.Lab#7,
MO-11)

July Doc Talks

HEALTHY WOMAN

HEART DISEASE

RISK FACTORS AND PREVENTION



Presented by: William Gaspar, M.D.
Internal Medicine

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Alta Vista Regional Hospital Classrooms
Light meal & refreshments served at 11:45 a.m.

Reservations can be made by calling (505) 426-3772 or
logging on our Web site www.altavistaregionalhospital.com

Senior & Circle

Total Knee Replacement Surgery

Is It An Option For You?

Presented by: Paul Conescu, MD
Orthopaedic Surgeon

Friday, July 22, 2011

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Alta Vista Regional Hospital Classrooms

Please RSVP By calling Linda Leyba at (505) 426-3772 or email leyba@chs.net



CRS Tax Workshop

~FREE~

Las Vegas

July 21, 2011

LCC Student Services Conference Room

(1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

This workshop is designed to inform small business owners and self-employed people about their obligations to the state. Come learn about: Gross receipts taxes, withholding taxes, compensating taxes, non-taxable transactions, and the proper way to fill out the state required forms.

National certification...

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applications hours satisfactorily."

The programs were designed by leading contractors, associations, manufacturers, and academicians in the industry, in order to fulfill the need for more skilled workers. The certificates obtained by the students in this programs at LCC make our program's graduates stand apart in the crowd as such skilled workers, trained in the industry standards, and prepares them for filling the gaps in the workforce plaguing the industry anywhere in the nation.

To establish the programs, a curriculum had to be developed and written for each, and then approved by our Luna Community College's sponsor, Associated General Contractors (AGC), and the Higher Education Department (HED), plus the facility at LCC had to be approved as adequate to support the programs. There are five levels of building technologies courses, core and I through IV, plus a capstone course incorporated into the programs as an exit exam, all of which include both theory and hands-on applications.

"In order for LCC to keep this accreditation it must pass an annual audit of the faculty and facility at LCC, conducted by AGC and the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), plus be able to show constant advancement of the students in the programs, which is checked annually," said Montoya. "We feel that the program is moving in the right direction, particularly with our six recent graduates, and the great interest shown



LCC President Dr. Pete Campos (middle) talks with LCC Vocational Director Gary Martinez (left) and Building Technologies Instructor Joseph Montoya recently about national certification. Six students recently received national and state certification as journeyman carpenters by taking building technology courses offered at LCC in collaboration with the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

in our concrete finishing program, which was newly-implemented this summer. Plus, the national certifications now available at LCC at-

tracts many more serious students, as well as local employers, to the programs."

Currently there are 20 students in the programs, all at various levels.

Event Sponsors:

SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 27, 2011
 Pendaries Golf Course

THE LCC FOUNDATION
Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
(Over \$50,000 raised for Title V in 2010)

For sponsor or registration request please contact:

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 phone) (505) 454-5367
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Phil J. Wolff, Co-Chairman
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You can also visit our website:
www.luna.edu/foundation or Facebook us!
 Registration Brochure to follow.

Congratulations to AA-AAA all-stars



Several dozen New Mexico High School graduating seniors participated in the north/south AA-AAA all-star football and basketball games in Las Vegas over the weekend.

Luna Community College:
"The People's College"

Tight internal controls keep LCC in compliance

Miguel Martinez to conduct work sessions

By Donna Flores-Medina

If time is money, are we spending more “money” getting quotes than we are saving on the best obtainable price? Yes, if we continue searching for quotes over and over for the same small quantities. However, it will be far more cost effective if we pool our purchases, plan for six to twelve months and solicit quotes once or twice a year to take advantage of savings. We have found that taking the time to get the best price yields saving far greater than the staff time to obtain the quotes.

Be mindful of the hours, days and months wasted answering legal, public and media inquires over such issues as small as a \$5 expenditure when it is not properly quoted, noted and otherwise documented.

State law for small purchases applies to Goods and Non-professional Services under \$20,000 (NMSA 13-1-125) and transfers the application thereof to LCC. Section A. states purchases are made “in accordance with the applicable small purchase regulations adopted by the secretary [DFA], a local public body [City of Las Vegas] or a central purchasing office [LCC] that has the authority to issue regulations” and section B. states, if less than \$10,000, the purchase is to be made” **BASED UPON THE BEST OBTAINABLE PRICE**”.

The law is such that based upon the size of

LCC’s budget and the other local factors. LCC, the authoritative body, can issue their interpretations of the law as long as the interpretative regulations are not less stringent than State law. LCC threshold for “best obtainable price” applies to Goods not exceeding \$1,500 and non-professional services not exceeding \$2,000. For example, per 1.4.1.50, DFA, sets the threshold at \$5,000. All are still subject to the State’s law of **BEST OBTAINABLE PRICE**.

The difference in the LCC regulation is the requirement to document **BEST OBTAINABLE PRICE**. The LCC Finance Committee met on July 6 to explore possible alternatives to this requirement. After much discussion, the committee agreed that removing the requirement meant transferring the liability to the director approving the expenditure thus leaving the individual exposed to criticism, accusations, innuendoes, and possible liability. It was agreed that the best and most solid evidence of compliance was a written record of the search for **BEST OBTAINABLE PRICE**. The record speaks for itself; the written record relieves the individual and Luna Community College of the burden of proof.

One additional LCC requirement is that of obtaining board approval for contracts of \$2,000 and above. The elimination of this step was discussed as well.

The Finance Committee consisting of Chairman, Tony Valdez, Member, Jerry Maestas, President, Dr. Pete Campos, Purchasing Director, Miguel Martinez, Fiscal Office Supervisor, Francina Martinez, and CFO, Donna Flores-Medina, agreed unanimously to keep the LCC regulations as they are. Tight internal controls keep LCC in compliance and it is that level of accountability that grantor agencies look for when deciding to award the college a grant.

During the meeting, the Committee discussed ways to assist departments with their purchasing needs. Purchasing Director Miguel Martinez will conduct at least two work sessions to address the following:

- Efficient purchasing
- Campus quotes for common items
- Using Open Purchase Orders
- Writing up Scope of Work
- Explanation of Sole Source
- Formulating specifications
- Pooling purchases
- RFP and IFB process
- How to find existing contracts and agreements

In addition to these general sessions, Martinez will visit each department to talk about unique needs and specific questions or concerns.

Rand Kennedy says his goodbye to LCC

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to have worked for Luna Community College.

The LCC mission and its effectiveness in achieving its mission are critical to the survival and future thriving of our communities and the nation, and I have been proud to be part of that effort.

Prior to working for Luna Community College, I had been self employed in my consulting firm, Community Development and Management Services, for

15 years.

After much soul searching, I have determined that I am better suited, more content and believe I can contribute more as an independent contractor than an employee of an institution.

I wish all the Luna Community College family the best possible personal and professional future and success in your endeavors.

Luna Community College Humanities, Mass Media and Sports Performance Director Rand Kennedy is stepping down at the end of this month.

