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Community colleges offering options for 're-careering'

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(3TV/CBS 5) -- "Re-careering." Ever hear of that term? Some baby boomers have as they look for a new line of work in their older years.

Some people will be forced to re-career, others just want to try something new.

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That's where community colleges can be a big benefit.

More and more baby boomers are heading back to school either to keep up with changing job requirements or to learn an entirely new trade.

Community colleges tend to cost much less than a four-year university and many of the teachers are used to older students in the classroom.

CBS 5 This Morning chatted with some folks at Mesa Community College and they say there are more campuses around the state, meaning there may be one closer to your home.

They offer tons of specialty classes with various session lengths and times.

One option for some who don't want to jump right back into a classroom is hybrid learning.

Some of your classes will be on campus in person and the rest of it will be online, according to Dr. Jennifer Stickland with the Center for Teaching and Learning.

"When they're not meeting, they're doing reading or watching lectures online," she said. "So it's a great way to get innovative in your learning without having to stretch your technology

skills.”

Stickland said community college is also a good bet for baby boomers because the teachers are used to a range of ages when it comes to students compared to a traditional large university.

An Arizona native, born and raised in Mesa, and graduate of Arizona State University, meteorologist Ian Schwartz brings you the forecast weekday mornings on CBS 5 This Morning.

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