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# MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAUNCHES NEW ADVANCED IT PROGRAM

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Maricopa IT Institute-East Valley (MITI-EV) launches a new IT certification program. The program, which launches at Mesa Community College in Spring 2023, provides the knowledge to support, manage and deploy Apple products in multiple industries. Registration is open for one of the AppleCare prerequisite courses.

The new professional IT training series will prepare technicians, administrators and engineers to deploy, manage, repair and support the Apple ecosystem of products.

"There is an immediate need for individuals with Apple ecosystem knowledge in the Valley. Schools, colleges and large-scale employers

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Support for the new program is provided by Apple's Community Education Initiative (CEI), which provides coding, creativity and workforce opportunities to communities that are historically underrepresented in the technology industry.

As active Apple CEI participants, MITI-EV and MCC are committed to using Apple's support and resources to aid individuals in successfully completing the program and making connections with employers, including through the Apple Consultants Network, which provides technology solutions for small and medium-sized businesses.

Both three-credit AppleCare prerequisite **courses** are eight-week, Live Online evening classes; each culminating with the opportunity to earn an industry certification preparing the individual to perform warranty-level hardware and troubleshooting of Apple devices – iPhone, iPad and Mac computers.

AppleCare iPhone Technician (ACiT) Certification (BPC260) meets online Monday and Wednesday evenings Oct. 17 through Dec. 16. Registration for AppleCare Mac Technician Certification (BPC262) for the spring 2023 semester opens Oct. 10.

"By **taking** the prerequisite **courses** students will be well on their way to gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to be the first to enter the new **program** in spring 2023," explains Meza. "Students enrolled during fall 2022 semester will have access to priority registration for spring courses, including **BPC262**."

Learn more about the AppleCare Technician programs at mesacc.edu/applecare or visit mesacc.edu/enroll to start the registration process.

The Maricopa Information Technology Institute—East Valley (MITI-EV) is a collaboration among Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Mesa Community College, Rio Salado Community College and Scottsdale Community College designed to help meet the emerging

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career and technical programs, civic engagement, service-learning and innovative approaches to education. On average MCC students provide 23,000 hours of community service annually. For more than 50 years, the college has served as a resource for education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to more than 25,400 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs at its two campuses and additional locations through a combination of modalities. MCC is transforming how it champions student success through Guided Pathways with Integrated Support Services and a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. MCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution with nearly 50% of its students being the first in their families to attend college. MCC has the largest indigenous student population of all the Maricopa Community Colleges; its American Indian Institute serves students from the 22 federally recognized Arizona tribes as well as out-of-state tribes. The diverse student body includes hundreds of international students from around the world. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to attain their goals. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, on the traditional territories of the O'odham, Piipaash and Yavapai Peoples, MCC is one of 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Visit mesacc.edu to learn more.

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) — hlcommission.org.

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