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# Eligible Mesa small business owners can register for low-cost college courses

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Jeanne Zozobrado of Blast Bakery in Mesa applied to the Business Builder's Program after coming from the medical field. (Facebook Photo/Mesa Business Builder)

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PHOENIX — A new program in Mesa is expanding ways that small business owners can earn college credits.

Through the [Mesa Business Builder Educates U Program](#), qualified participants can choose to take one of 17 programs to help increase their business skills.

Courses include general business, accounting, social media, marketing, retail sales management and small business management.

The MBB Educates U Program was made possible through a partnership between the Mesa Office of Economic Development and Mesa Community College.

“Education is key to elevating a small business owner’s skills,” Mesa Economic Development Director Bill Jabjiniak said in a press release.

“These college business certificates will help equip them with the knowledge that they need to succeed, and that is good for Mesa’s economy.”

## How can Mesa small business owners apply to MMB Educates U? Who qualifies?

Interested business owners must first apply and be approved for the [MBB Small Business Assistance Program](#).

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To qualify, business owners will be required to show their work is for-profit, located in Mesa and has a valid [Mesa General Business License](#).

Then, participants can apply to MMB Educates U, which covers tuition and course fees for 17 business certificate programs at Mesa Community College.

Eligible participants can enroll in a maximum of two classes per semester for up to two people at each business.

Those accepted will be required to cover the community college's \$15 registration fee, books and other class material.

Registration for the spring semester begins Monday, with classes starting Jan. 13, 2024.

MCC will assign a navigator to help those who need assistance with registration.

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