

Classes meet every other week on Friday evening and all day Saturday for nine consecutive months. Students who successfully complete the certificate program will be eligible to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination. Classes start April 8. For more information, go to ben.edu/cfp or contact Ronald Finnigan at (630) 829-1383 or Rfinnigan@ben.edu.



Mesa Community College's new website makes on-campus arts more accessible to the community

Mesa Community College (MCC) launched a new website, The Arts at MCC (www.mesacc.edu/arts), to make it easy for members of the community learn about and attend events ranging from live music, dance, instrumental and theatrical performances to fine art shows featuring student, faculty and visiting artists, sculpture, digital, and painting works.

MCC's state-of-the-art venues collectively represent more than a \$20 million investment by the community. Support for arts education was overwhelmingly approved by East Valley voters as part of the Maricopa Community Colleges 2004 Bond Referendum. The new and remodeled venues at MCC also provide important learning laboratories for students to complete their course requirements while providing the community opportunities to see award-winning performances and exhibits.

"The community has consistently supported and attended the award-winning arts events on our campuses. We want to provide them with a way to easily learn about our students' talents in all art forms," Rodney Holmes, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Science at MCC, said. "Fine arts provide students a way to express themselves, and the community can benefit from their efforts." www.mesacc.edu/arts



NAU providing nursing programs at half the cost in Mesa

Northern Arizona University (NAU) has served Mesa residents for over 30 years with innovative and high quality degree programs that are convenient and affordable for today's working adult. Today, NAU educates approximately 1,300 students, online and locally, through two locations – one in Downtown Mesa and the other on the campus of Mesa Community College at Southern Ave. and Dobson Rd.

One growing program is NAU's nursing partnership with Mesa Community College. The Concurrent Enrollment Program streamlines the process for students to earn an Associate of Applied Sciences (AAS) in nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Once admitted into the nursing program, students enroll in courses from both schools over a period of two years and graduate with the AAS and BSN during the same semester. Through the Concurrent Enrollment program, students save approximately half the cost of going through a traditional BSN program. For more information about this program or others NAU offers in Mesa, contact NAU at (800) 628-0040. ec.nau.edu