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NEW BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE OFFERED AT MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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[Mesa Community College](#) announced today they will offer a Blockchain Technology Certificate of Completion beginning Fall 2018, becoming one of the first community colleges in the country to provide a blockchain technology certificate program, preparing students for emerging high-tech careers.

“Arizona is at the cutting edge of innovation, and ensuring our workforce has the skills that today’s businesses require is critical to maintaining our competitive position,” said Governor Doug Ducey. “I applaud Mesa Community College for taking a leadership role and advancing this new Blockchain curriculum.”

A number of industries from insurance, banking, shipping, and e-finance have begun adopting blockchain technology to secure transactions and smart contracts.

“Maricopa is excited to be offering this innovative program at Mesa Community College to address our business community’s need for highly qualified employees,” said Chancellor Maria Harper-Marinick, Maricopa Community Colleges. “We will continue to work with industry partners to address their workforce needs and develop future leaders able to innovate, address new problems and create new solutions.”

Maricopa Community Colleges work with local businesses to develop courses that meet the current needs of industry.

“Arizona is quickly becoming a national leader in technology and innovation. I’m championing legislation that will pave the way for blockchain technology in our state because it is the foundation for the future of high wage employment,” said Representative Weninger.

“In order to attract these companies, we need to ensure Arizona has a highly trained workforce and I knew there was no better partner than Mesa Community College to develop and implement the blockchain curriculum,” Weininger said.

“By equipping students with the skills necessary to power Arizona’s burgeoning tech sector, we will develop a pipeline of talent that will attract high-tech companies and encourage entrepreneurial growth,” Weininger said. “I’m proud to work with MCC to cement Arizona’s reputation as the most technology friendly state in the nation.”

The first course, **CIS109AM Networking Technology I**, examines networking and Internet technology related to Blockchain architecture. Registration for this Fall 2018 eight-week hybrid class **begins March 19**. Additional courses in the micro-certificate include Blockchain fundamentals, a proof of concept course and an internship.

“The technology underlying blockchain is proving to be an effective tool for many industries,” said Sasan Pouretezadi, Mesa Community College Interim President. “Data indicates the demand for employees with knowledge of blockchain technology will continue to grow as industries adopt this cutting-edge technology. By being the first community college in the state to offer this certificate, we are helping students position

themselves to compete for high-wage, high-demand career opportunities.”

Mesa Community College is proud to support the strength of Arizona’s economy by preparing students for a successful place in the workforce of the future.

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About Maricopa Community Colleges

The Maricopa Community College District includes 10 regionally-accredited colleges – Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale, and South Mountain. Maricopa Corporate College, serving more than 200,000 students with two-year degrees, certificates, and university transfer programs.

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