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Dr. Jill Biden recently visited Intel's Ocotillo Campus in Chandler and spoke about the new semiconductor Quick Start program from Intel and Maricopa County Community Colleges.

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Maricopa Community Colleges and Intel Corp. have announced enrollment is open for a new semiconductor manufacturing Quick Start program at Mesa Community College.

The accelerated two-week program prepares students for a career as a semiconductor technician with hands-on learning from industry experienced Intel employees as instructors, according to a release.

“The Industrial Technology for the Semiconductor Industry Program accelerates the attainment of industry credentials for high-demand careers supporting our state and national economy,” MCC Interim President Lori Berquam said in the release. “This is an incredible opportunity to develop knowledge and skills.”

Intel, which has about 11,000 workers at its Chandler campus, is looking for ways to expand its workforce.

“As a manufacturing technician at Intel, you’ll help build the future of technology, right here in Arizona. With outstanding culture, Intel is a great place to launch your career in semiconductor manufacturing,” Zivit Katz-Tsameret, vice president of Intel, said in the release.



A key focus of this program is to present new career possibilities to women, veterans and underrepresented minorities in the manufacturing industry.

The program consists of a series of 10 four-hour classes. Day and evening options are available.

Upon successful completion, students will earn an industry-recognized certification, three hours of college credit towards an associate degree and a tuition stipend of \$270, which covers full tuition for Arizona residents.

Students will have an opportunity to interview with Intel for full-time positions with benefits.

“Our partnership with Intel is working towards a secure future for our students as they enter the workforce and further Arizona’s place as a global leader with the brightest talent in the semiconductor industry,” Dr. Eric Leshinskie, Maricopa Community Colleges interim provost, said in the release.

Intel estimates the \$20 billion investment in two new chip factories at the company’s Ocotillo campus will create more than 3,000 high-paying jobs and support an estimated 15,000 additional indirect jobs in the community. Intel also aims to increase the number of women in technical roles to 40% and double the numbers of women and underrepresented minorities in senior roles by 2030.

Intel’s partnership with MCC on the Industrial Technology for the Semiconductor Industry program is one piece of the company’s efforts to meet these workforce goals.

The program will be offered at Mesa Community College beginning in May, before expanding to Chandler-Gilbert Community College and Estrella Community College in the West Valley in the summer.

Interested individuals must complete a short assessment to gauge learning readiness prior to enrolling in the program. For more information, and to access the upcoming online assessment, go to maricopa.edu/semico (<https://info.maricopacorporate.com/semiconductor>).



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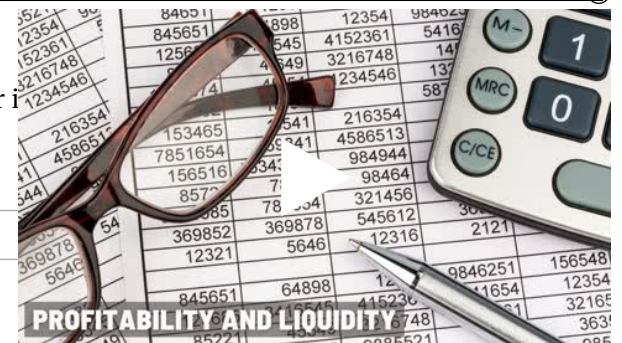
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