

## College of St. Scholastica expands social work program at Mesa Community College

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The College of St. Scholastica is expanding its B.A. in social work program and will now offer a spring cohort at Mesa Community College. Classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting Jan. 17, according to a press release.

Marcia Runnberg-Valadez, undergraduate Arizona social work program faculty and program director, will manage the spring cohort. Ms. Runnberg-Valadez has been a social work professor at St. Scholastica for more than 20 years.

St. Scholastica offers a bachelor of arts in social work program that designed to meet the needs of working adults. It has 570 hours of field experience and a curriculum that emphasizes professional documentation, according to the release.

Whe are happy to strengthen our partnership with Mesa Community College and fulfill the need for social work education in the Phoenix community,+Ms. Runnberg-Valadez said in the release. Whis apparent in these times of poverty, violence, fear and neglect that the social work profession is needed now more than ever. Its one of the fastest-growing professions and one of the most versatile. The work certainly promises a life with purpose and of great value.+

Students can apply for the Arizona Social Work Scholarship for 15 percent off tuition costs. Pairs of students who enroll together could qualify for the Colleges \$1,000 Study Buddy Scholarship.

The deadline to apply is Nov. 19. For more information about the social work program and other offerings, call 623-694-0984 or visit <a href="http://www.css.edu/arizona">http://www.css.edu/arizona</a>. For details on Mesa Community College, visit <a href="http://www.mesacc.edu/">http://www.mesacc.edu/</a>.

The College of St. Scholastica is an independent 104-year-old college. The college offers more than 40 majors, with particular strength in the health sciences and health care. Ninety-seven percent of graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation. Shaped by its Catholic Benedictine heritage, St. Scholastica aspires to send forth thoughtful leaders who are prepared and committed to serve and transform the world, according to the release.

Host to 40,000 students annually, Mesa Community College offers more than 195 degrees and certificate programs at its two campuses and additional locations. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015, MCC is one of 10 colleges that comprise the Maricopa County Community College District. The district also includes the Maricopa Corporate College and two skill centers. For additional information, visit mesacc.edu.

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