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El Camino College Compton Center's Career and Technical Education Offers Training and Certification Leading to Jobs

El Camino College Compton Center's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program offers curriculum and training for certification in a variety of fields. The CTE program also assists students with the job search process. At the end of the fall 2011 semester, eight students from the welding program became certified welders and 13 Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing program graduates found jobs at either PB Fasteners or Alcoa.

Eugene Benson has served as a Welding Technology Instructor in the CTE program for more than 30 years. He believes the CTE program is especially valuable in this tough economy. To keep students motivated, Benson and other CTE instructors often introduce students to applicable job experiences by taking them on field trips to the facilities of potential employers and invite representatives from various companies to speak to the class. Last semester, Career Advancement Academy students took an industry tour at Northrop Grumman; Washington Iron Works hosted welding students for a tour of their Gardena, facilities; machine tool technology students toured PB Fasteners; and automotive students attended the annual Los Angeles Auto Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Over the years, Benson says he has worked with every type of student, from adult learners to students who are fresh out of high school. "I can't tell you how many former students come back to share that they feel well-equipped to meet their career goals," he says. "Students come to us open and willing to learn and leave us with a sense of accomplishment that they've truly earned."

The Career and Technical Education program at ECC Compton Center offers more than 11 different occupational programs for those looking to begin a career, planning to transfer to a four-year college or university, or needing to upgrade skills or develop new ones for a specific profession. For more information about the CTE program, please visit www.compton.edu or call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2779.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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