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**New Technology in the Photography Classroom, Faculty Development in Digital Imaging**

Southwestern College requests $41,191 in a combination grant/loan to fund a consortium project providing workshops and seminars in digital imaging for community college faculty in San Diego. In addition, a model curriculum development plan for the integration of digital technology into existing programs will be written and disseminated to all California Community College photography and art departments.

Digital imaging production has replaced traditional photography and is now an industry standard. It is critical that we retrain faculty to teach this technology if we are to prepare students for employment or to transfer to four-year programs. This grant will support a two-part faculty development program in digital imaging. Workshops will provide hands-on instruction in the use of applicable software and hardware. A seminar will cover methods for teaching digital imaging. The proposed loan will be used to purchase a state-of-the-art digital imaging computer station.

Project evaluation will be based on feedback from participating faculty, observation of participant performance by the project directors, and a written evaluation form. Participant feedback will be component of the final curriculum development plan, and project report.

This project will benefit the Community College System in several ways:

- It will provide necessary faculty retraining.
- A published "Curriculum Guide for Digital Imaging at California Community Colleges" will become a systemwide model for the modernization of art or photography programs.
- The consortium will bolster ties between a major four-year institution and local Community Colleges, and could result in future joint efforts.