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Triton College Offers New Diesel Transportation Technology Program

Students will Learn Repairing of Vehicle Systems

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College is offering a Diesel Transportation Technology (DTT) Program for those interested in receiving certificates in truck brake and suspension, truck engine repair and truck drivetrain repair.

The program was created to meet the demands of the industry's technician shortage and wants of the student body to learn about trucks and vehicles.

Allan Hertko, Triton's Truck Department coordinator and instructor, said students will take a variety of classes, such as Introduction to Automotive Technology, Electricity and Electronics I/II, Drivetrain I/II, Engine Repair, Steering Suspension, Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC), and Preventative Maintenance in this program. Those interested must enroll in Introduction to Automotive Technology to start the process of receiving a certificate.

He added that students will learn comprehensive theory, and operation and diagnostic skills needed in today's market to repair vehicle systems.

Pending approval from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) for an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, it will take students a total of five semesters and approximately 61 credit hours to complete.

Upon completion, Hertko noted students could seek employment in an original equipment (OE) specific dealership such as Peterbilt or Ford. They could work for fleets, local general repair and for a municipal entity such as Triton College, the city of Chicago or the state of Illinois.

Students earning certificates can make up to \$25 an hour or more. Hertko added that the "sky is the limit," noting that it depends on a "student's goals and work ethic."

"DTT is an important offering for Triton to have, because community members have inquired over the years about trucking and diesel engine certificates," said Hertko.

DTT began in the spring of 2020 with the Preventative Maintenance Inspection (PM) Program. It was followed in the spring of 2021 with the WEI programs Truck Electricity and Electronics, Truck Brakes, Truck Fuel Management, and Truck Steering and Suspension.

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://www.triton.edu/>.