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Triton College's WEI Program Hosting Info Sessions Popular Certificates Available Through Grant

RIVER GROVE, III. – Triton College's Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI) Grant is hosting informational Zoom sessions on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from noon-1:30 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 17, from 5:30-7 p.m. These sessions will give details about the grant and the application process. WEI is currently recruiting students for classes that will begin in January.

WEI is partnering with Triton College's Continuing Education (CE) Department to include popular certificate programs, such as Cannabis Dispensary Technician, Medical Billing & Coding Specialist, Optician, Phlebotomy Technician and Physical Therapy Aide.

Another popular program offered through WEI is Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), an additional health care certificate offered through Triton College.

The WEI Grant Program is sponsored by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and designed to provide a credential and a job that pays 30 percent above the regional living wage for individuals in poverty. African American participants represent 60 percent of the population served by the grant. The grant allows African American students to enter and succeed in gaining and obtaining high-skilled, high-wage, in-demand occupations. This grant offers free tuition, books, supplies and employment assistance. Upon completion, participants are given a stipend.

The grant has been proven successful according to statewide research data. Triton is one of only 18 colleges to receive the WEI Grant for four consecutive years. Over that time, Triton College has achieved a phenomenal 92 percent employment rate.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 Session:

https://zoom.us/j/94922187019?pwd=S2dIcC9oSjBUNW9Ta20wc3hlc0JSZz09&from=addon Meeting ID: 949 2218 7019 Passcode: 577197

Thursday, Nov. 17 Session:

https://zoom.us/j/98701211019?pwd=T1BsWEJqTUdxTXNOekV3WVBYdGhxdz09&from=addon Meeting ID: 987 0121 1019 Passcode: 207783

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ABOUT TRITON COLLEGE

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 <u>http://www.triton.edu/</u>.