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Instructors sought for grant-funded Prefreshmen Engineering Program

PUEBLO – Pueblo Community College is seeking instructors who would like to share their passion for engineering by participating in the new grant-funded Prefreshmen Engineering Program (PREP) that will begin this summer. Half-day instruction will take place Monday through Friday from June 15 to July 31, and a Colorado teaching certificate is required.

PREP is designed to motivate and prepare middle and high school students to succeed in advanced studies leading to careers in science, technology, engineering or mathematics fields. Its goal is to increase the number of women and under-represented minorities in those career paths.

The target audience is eighth grade graduates entering high school, especially those from advanced math and science grades or from gifted students programs. Seven-week, half-day sessions are planned in each subsequent summer for four years, with sessions to be held at PCC the first two years and at Colorado State University-Pueblo the following two years.

The program's first year will cover Logic and Its Application to Math, Introduction to Engineering and Introduction to Computer Science. Subsequent topics will be Algebraic Structures and Introduction to Physics in Year 2, and Intro to Probability and Statistics and Intro to Technical Writing in Year 3. The final year will be a summer bridge program for transitioning into either PCC or CSU-P. Topics in problem solving and career awareness will be covered each year.

“We are looking for skilled professionals that have a passion for teaching and mentoring students into the exciting opportunities of engineering,” said PCC President Dr. J.D. Garvin.

PREP is being launched through a partnership between PCC, CSU-Pueblo and the two Pueblo school districts. It is modeled after a similar program in Texas.

For more information about these paid teaching positions, contact Juanita Fuentes at 549-3252 or via e-mail at juanita.fuentes@pueblocc.edu.

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