## Mesa Community College joins AWS Academy, equipping students with in-demand cloud computing skills

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MESA, Arizona, Dec. 11, 2020 – Mesa Community College is participating in the AWS Academy, an Amazon Web Services (AWS) program that provides higher education institutions with a ready-to-teach cloud computing curriculum. Beginning in January 2021, students can enroll in courses that will prepare them to pursue careers in the fast-growing cloud computing space and earn industry-recognized AWS Certifications.

The two AWS Academy courses offered in Spring 2021 are AWS Academy Cloud Foundations (CLD 110) and AWS Cloud Architecting (CLD 120). These courses will prepare students for two popular AWS Certifications, the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner and the AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate. MCC AWS Academy students receive a 50% discount on AWS Certification exams.





The AWS Academy curriculum is developed and maintained by AWS subject matter experts, ensuring that it reflects current services and up-to-date best practices. Courses are taught by AWS Academy-accredited educators who are trained by AWS to help students become proficient in AWS technology.

"Cloud computing is changing the way IT is done," said Dennis Kibbe, MCC Computer Information Systems faculty. "By offering the AWS Academy curriculum to our students MCC is helping them develop the technical skills needed to enter this well-paying and exciting career field."

The spring semester begins Jan. 16. A step-by-step guide to enrollment is at mesacc.edu/enroll.

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Mesa Community College is nationally recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the United States and is known for service learning, career and technical programs, civic engagement and innovative approaches to education. The college serves as a resource for career readiness, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to more than 30,000 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs online and at its two campuses and additional locations. Through the implementation of Guided Pathways with Integrated

Support Services, MCC is transforming ways it champions student success; college completion, university transfer and career attainment for all students. MCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution with a diverse student body, including more than 400 international students representing over 60 countries, who enrich campus learning experiences. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training to empower MCC students to compete locally and globally. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, MCC is one of the 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Learn more at mesacc.edu.

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

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