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NMCC partners with CompTIA to broaden student opportunities

Aroostook County – A new partnership between Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) and Northern Maine Community College will expand learning opportunities on campus, while lowering related testing costs for those seeking certain hardware and software certifications.

The CompTIA Authorized Academy Program is an educational program designed to give schools, government retraining agencies and nonprofit organizations the ability to extend the reach and overall impact of education by working to prepare learners for careers within the field of information technology. The program works to provide the resources schools and instructors need to plan and prepare a top notch IT curriculum.

While CompTIA certification opportunities have long been a part of the computer electronics program at NMCC, becoming a part of the CompTIA Academy serves as a great addition to the current curriculum, according to instructor Joe McLaughlin.

“We have been teaching courses that map to CompTIA’s A+, Network+, Security+, and Linux+ exams. Being an Authorized Academy Program member adds additional resources that can be added to student training,” said McLaughlin. “While NMCC also serves as a Pearson Vue testing center, having the opportunity of offering more training and education on our campus is a benefit to our students.”

Being a member of the Academy will also serve to lower expenses to students by helping to provide the A+, Network +, Linux+, and Security + certification examinations students need to graduate from the computer electronics program at a reduced rate.

“With the economy and student budgets being as tight as they are, the reduced prices in exams make testing more affordable. Having students graduate with these certifications opens many doors to employment. It also offers third party validation of the skills learned by NMCC students,” said McLaughlin.

The Academy also offers students the resources to explore potential employment opportunities and avenues for long term career growth.

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