



Learning Sustainable Living for Building Industry

Cedar Valley College Offers Scholarships to Students Enrolling in Residential Building Performance Technology Program

LANCASTER, Texas – Cedar Valley College (CVC) today announced that new students entering the popular Residential Building Performance Technology program can apply for \$500 scholarships to help pay for the first semester. The scholarships are open to any students enrolling in one of the following classes: Fundamental Residential Building Science, Residential Light Appliance Plug Loads, or Residential Mechanical Systems.

With all the focus on the outcomes, green and sustainability education and degrees are critical to the development of a forward-thinking workforce, one that is able to protect the health and safety of communities around the globe. CVC is the only college or university in Texas offering a program for students interested in a green building career.

Students can either pursue an Associate of Applied Sciences degree or a certificate through CVC's Sustainable Community Institute. The degree program includes courses in Residential Energy Conservation Codes, Green Rating Systems for Homes, and Onsite Power Generation and Renewable Energy. Students entering the certificate program will be trained to manage green construction standards, such as those of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED), Energy Star® Rater and Energy Code Enforcement Official. Graduates will be equipped to use a systems approach to improve the health, safety, comfort, durability environmental quality, and energy efficiency of a home.

“As a national resource center, the Sustainable Community Institute at CVC will build awareness and provide information on environmentally, socially and economically sound lifestyles, while encouraging students to learn about technologies with smart growth and sustainable communities,” said Dr. Ik-Seong Joo, Chief Sustainable Development Officer for Cedar Valley College. “Starting this fall semester, CVC will offer several courses related to sustainability, green building and energy conservation through the continuing education division, which can enhance our knowledge and skills.”

“Going Green” seems to be on everyone’s mind these days. From celebrities like Oprah Winfrey and Leonardo DiCaprio to communities requiring newly-built schools to meet certain “green” standards, everyone is going green. It’s good for our environment. It’s good for our health, and now it seems to save us money and provide future income as well.

Cedar Valley College will break ground for a full-scale Sustainable Community Institute that is expected to be completed by the end of 2010. As expansion continues, the institution expects to add more credit courses and certificates to accommodate the influx of students expected to enroll at CVC over the next few years.

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