



Eastern Idaho Technical College partners with the College of Southern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS - A small but growing selection of first year college classes will soon be available to Idaho Falls area residents at Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC), thanks to a new arrangement with the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) in Twin Falls. Discussions between the two schools over the past year have resulted in an agreement that CSI will offer core and general education classes in addition to those now offered at EITC starting with the Spring 2012 semester in January.

CSI is currently advertising for part time instructors who can teach art history, anthropology, U.S. history, and Spanish, according to Jeff Fox, CSI's Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer.

The credits students earn in these classes, along with the English, Math, and Communications classes already offered at EITC, are expected to benefit students who plan to go on to Idaho's four-year colleges and universities. Earning the lower division credits in Idaho Falls will give students a chance to complete 36 credits of general education, become core certified, help them adjust their study habits to college-level transfer coursework, and save a significant amount of money before moving on to a university.

Fox says CSI responded to EITC's invitation to bring more lower-division core academic classes to Idaho Falls. The move will also help to further the goals of the *Complete College America* objective to help more American students finish college in a timely fashion. *"We want to make the core classes accessible and affordable,"* said Fox. *"Our hope is that Idaho Falls area students will welcome this opportunity and realize the benefits of comprehensive community college offerings."*

CSI will hire adjunct instructors from the Idaho Falls area to conduct courses on the EITC campus. Fox said the outstanding facilities and infrastructure at EITC will readily accommodate the addition of the CSI classes.

Dr. Steve Albiston, incoming EITC president agrees. *"EITC's focus is to continue offering quality professional-technical education to the residents of college district VI. This collaboration with CSI will expand the course offerings on the Idaho Falls campus and provide affordable access to the general education core."*

CSI classes offered at EITC will articulate smoothly as students move on to other Idaho colleges. *"Eastern Idaho students can now take classes in Idaho Falls that transfer without question to other institutions in Idaho,"* said Mark Browning, Chief Communications and Legislative Officer with the Idaho State Board of Education.

A team of CSI administrators will visit the EITC campus soon to meet with instructor candidates and administrators and to work out details of the arrangement. All of the new classes at EITC will cost \$110 per credit hour, the same rate paid by other CSI students.

The contact for all CSI classes on the EITC campus will be Elaine Bryant, who has more than 25 years of experience in all areas at CSI, including advising, financial aid, and student needs. She can be reached at 208-732-6461 or at ebryant@csi.edu.

The College of Southern Idaho is a two-year comprehensive community college in Twin Falls with off-campus centers in Burley, Hailey, and Gooding. It was founded in 1965 and is supported by a mix of tuition and fees, state appropriations, and taxes from Twin Falls and Jerome counties. It offers 75 academic majors designed for transfer to four-year institutions as well as 45 technical programs that earn either a one-year technical certificate or a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree.

Eastern Idaho Technical College provides high quality educational programs that focus on the needs of the community for the 21st century. EITC is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The college is a state supported technical college created in 1969 to serve citizens in its nine county service area by being a minimal cost, open-door institution that champions technical programs, customized industry training, basic skills instruction, workforce and community education, on-line distance education, and student services.

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