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Santa Fe College Starts Rapid Credentialing Program

Gainesville, Florida – Santa Fe College has started a rapid credentialing program to get people trained with the skills needed to enter the workforce quickly.

The Rapid Credentialing Grant, which came from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund under the CARES Act, is designed to help mitigate the economic impact and facilitate training in new career pathways for people impacted negatively by the current pandemic. It is to assist the under-employed, unemployed or furloughed, enabling them to reskill or upskill.

"Workforce development is essential to our economy and vital to our economic recovery and Santa Fe College plays a critical role in developing the workforce," said Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie II, Ph.D. "Our college is one of opportunity. Our workforce programs introduce individuals to in-demand, high-skill, high-paying career opportunities that boast stellar job placement rates."

Once credentialed, students can enter the workforce, or continue their education by earning associate degrees in programs like Certified Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, Emergency Medical Technician, Office Specialist, Welding and Automotive.

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs – Career and Technical Education, Dr. Tyran Butler, said that although grant award amounts vary by program, they could cover tuition, fees, books, background checks, CPR, testing fees and child care assistance adding that "as the community's college, we are in a unique position to get people the training they need quickly to get jobs that are available here in our community."

Anyone interested in getting more information on receiving a radid credential should apply to Santa Fe College at <u>sfcollege.edu/apply</u> and email <u>rc.info@sfcollege.edu</u>.