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## **JCC Launches New Renewable Energy Management Certificate**

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Beginning in January of 2011, the Science Division at Jefferson Community College (JCC) is offering a new Renewable Energy Management Certificate program to the community. Spring semester classes begin January 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Renewable Energy Management Certificate program is ideal for those currently employed in an energy-related position and need college coursework to broaden their understanding of renewable energy and business practices. The program is also geared to those new to the field of renewable energy and who want to begin preparing for employment or additional training in the field. This unique program includes thirteen credit hours in renewable energy and electrical applications along with nine credit hours in business management, human resources and accounting to provide students with basic business concepts.

"The renewable energy courses focus on developing project management skills needed in renewable energy business. Students will learn to assess the power available from solar, wind and geothermal energy resources, the costs of getting that power,

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and the economic feasibility of a home or business using these renewable energy resources," said Ronald B. Meyers, Ph.D., energy program director at Jefferson. "The business courses round out the program by developing basic business management skills in the areas of personnel management, accounting and finance."

"Graduates will have a unique mix of technical and business management skills," said Edward J. Knapp, vice president for academic affairs at Jefferson. "Students who successfully complete this program will have practical skills needed to enter the renewable energies field and be prepared to transfer to associate degree programs in this field."

The Renewable Energy Management Certificate program is eligible for financial aid and can be completed in two semesters of full-time study or over a longer period through part-time study. All of the required classes are offered on campus and several are offered online. Students who wish to enroll in this program for the Spring semester are encouraged to contact the Admissions office, 315-786-2277, and the financial services office, 315-786-2355, as soon as possible to begin the application process. Classes begin January 24, 2011.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Dr. Ronald Meyers, 315-786-2508, [rmeyers@sunyjefferson.edu](mailto:rmeyers@sunyjefferson.edu).