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CWI Adds Classes to Meet Workforce Demand

MEDIA ADVISORY – College of Western Idaho (CWI) is continuing to help meet the needs of local employers by expanding its offerings for five professional-technical programs. Based on high requests, both from students and employers, CWI will be adding sessions over the next year for Automotive Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Perioperative Nursing, Software Development, and Welding and Metals Fabrication. The expanded training opportunities will accommodate an additional 90 students.

All five programs train for careers that are projected to grow by 15-26 percent in Idaho from 2012 to 2022, according to the Idaho Department of Labor. Four of the programs will now offer classes that run in the afternoon and evening, providing more flexibility for students. CWI's new Perioperative Nursing program, meanwhile, is the only training of its kind in Idaho.

New Course Offerings and Start Dates

- Fall 2016 - Machine Tool Technology and Automotive Technology afternoon/evening sessions.
- Fall 2016 - First public Perioperative Nursing program day session.
- Spring of 2017, Welding and Software Development afternoon/evening sessions.

"CWI is excited to be able to make a difference for student access and workforce demand," says Will Fanning, CWI's Dean of Professional Technical Education. "The new options are a great opportunity for those already employed to have the ability to advance their career training and skillset while continuing to work."

Registration is currently open for CWI's fall semester. Visit cwidaho.cc/go for more information on programs and applying to CWI.

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The College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in western Idaho. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information about the college, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

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