Interior funds free construction, tourism courses

Guam Community College and the Guam Contractors Association Trades Academy will begin accepting applications today from recent high school graduates interested in free courses in the construction and tourism industries.

The U.S. Department of the Interior is covering the cost of tuition with two grants totaling nearly $1 million. "Working families ... now have the opportunity to put their children through school at a higher level," said Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio, who announced the program Wednesday during a press conference at Adelup.

Education board Chairman Mark Mendiola urged recent high school graduates to apply, saying, "There is no way to break the cycle of poverty but through education."

The Interior Department is providing GCC with $498,272, which will pay the tuition for 90 students who will be enrolled in three courses: hospitality and tourism; cook certification; and food-service certification.

GCC President Mary Okada called the program "a great first step" that could eventually lead to either an apprenticeship or an associate's degree.

The Trades Academy will accept 103 students who will be trained in construction industry skills, paid for by a $498,225 grant.

The Trades Academy Education Director Bert Johnston said the funding will enable qualified applicants "to go beyond minimum wage opportunities and successfully compete for many of the jobs that are in the construction industry right now."

How to apply

To qualify, applicants must have a high school diploma with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. First priority is being given to U.S. citizens who graduated in 2018 followed by 2017 graduates. Non-U.S. citizens who graduated in those years also will be eligible for the tuition-free courses. Applicants must bring a government-issued photo ID, a copy of their high school transcript and proof of citizenship.

Applications are available at:
• GCC: From Sept. 20 to Oct. 4 at the Financial Aid office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 735-5543/4.
• GCA Trades Academy: From Sept. 20 to Oct. 4 at its administrative office in the East-West Business Center building, Suite 201, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-4842/3.

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More students enroll in UOG's engineering program

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Enrollment has grown in the University of Guam School of Engineering, which started in 2016.

More than 140 students are now enrolled in the School of Engineering’s programs, Dean Shahram Khosrowpanah told the Guam Contractors Association membership on Wednesday.

The students are enrolled in various two-year pre-engineering programs. After the first two years, the students then complete the rest of their requirements at Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology-recognized partner schools such as the University of Hawaii, University of Iowa and Mapua University in the Philippines.

Before the school was formally established, UOG had been offering pre-engineering course options since 1989. At least 20 students enrolled in the program during the first year. Khosrowpanah said the school is looking forward to finally offering its first full, four-year bachelor of science program in civil and environmental engineering in Spring 2019.

His announcement was met with applause from the GCA members. Aside from establishing its first four-year accredited bachelor’s degree, he said the school would like to meet the current and growing demand for private and public sector engineers in the region.

Khosrowpanah highlighted partnerships, such as those with the Guam Waterworks Authority, Guam Power Authority and the U.S. Navy. Last summer, all three agencies hosted at least 20 engineering interns.

Keeping talented students on island

In his presentation, Khosrowpanah said the school could develop a pool of engineers with a local and regional background.

He said the school is in the process of hiring engineering faculty with expertise in hydraulics and other concentrations. The school also is developing its curricula for the full four-year program.

More importantly, the school is aiming to get an ABET certification for the program.

He said the school is looking forward to the construction of its facility, which will have 16,000 square feet of floor space and feature six faculty offices, two-state-of-the-art student classrooms, three laboratories for soil-structure, hydraulics, and environmental engineering, and a computer lab.

UOG held a groundbreaking and dedication ceremony for the facility in March.

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AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Guam Land Use Commission will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 1:30 pm, Department of Land Management Conference Room, 590 S. Marine Corps Dr., 3rd Floor, ITC Building, Tamuning.

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes – August 23, 2018
III. Old Business (NONE)
IV. New Business
   A. 2018-35-1, Tamon Sands Plaza; Zone Variances for Setbacks, Height and Sign, and, request to amend its previously approved Tentative Development Plan, Lots 5093-R1-R2-1NEW-NEW-1NEW-R1; 5093-R1-2-R2; 5095-2-R4-5; 5092-5NEW; 5092-6 AND 5092-7, Tamuning. [MOOG DLM 2017-07]
   B. 2018-32, LF Corporation; Zone Change from “CRZ” to “C” zone on Lot 1143-R1. Barragans. [MOOG DLM 2017-08]
V. Administrative & Miscellaneous Matters
VI. Adjournment

**Funding Source provided by above Applicants**
Person(s) requiring special accommodations please call Kristina Gutierrez at 649-5263 Ext. 375

Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects, & Land Surveyors (PEALS)

AGENDA

(1) Meeting Call to Order.
(2) Approval of Minutes
(3) Executive Board Administrator Report
(4) Complaints
(5) Old Business
(6) New Business
(7) Public Comments
(8) Adjournment

DATE: Thursday, September 27, 2018
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: PEALS Board Conference Room, Suite 208

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