

Stockton Offers Certified Financial Planner Program; Can be Completed in Less Than a Year

Flexible Class Schedule Tailored to Working Adults

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is offering a Certified Financial Planner Certificate (CFP) program that allows students to earn their certificate in less than one year and enter this lucrative and in-demand field.

The program, recently approved by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, is offered through the College's School of Graduate and Continuing Studies. Financial Planning has been identified as the fifth-best career in a ranking of 200 jobs according to the Internet job-hunting site CareerCast.com.

According to Professor Michael Busler, the nationwide demand translates locally as well.

"Firms are looking for financial planners, and those holding this certification have a competitive edge. It is relatively easy to find a good job once this certification is obtained," he said. "This is a great opportunity for someone aspiring to enhance their credentials in the job market, or for those seeking to switch careers."

Busler said the need for Certified Financial Planners has been fueled by the baby boomer generation's needs for retirement planning. "There is still room for plenty of growth in this field," he said.

Busler said most of the course work is completed online with a total of 12 Saturday sessions held here on campus.

"We designed the program to be thorough while recognizing the needs of working adults," he said. "This is a program that allows students to do the bulk of the class work at their own pace and to attend in person during hours outside of the typical fulltime work schedule."

The classes begin next month and conclude in August of 2013. Upon completion of the ten month program, a study period will follow prior to the CFP exam.

For more information on the program, or to register, visit <u>www.stockton.edu/cs or call 609-652-4227</u>.

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