

## EMCC entry-level courses coming to Buckeye

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Estrella Mountain Community College will offer entry-level courses in Buckeye, starting in January.

"As soon as the location is determined, we'll be holding testing and registration out at whatever site is chosen," said Carissa Pool, coordinator of media relations and promotion for the Avondale-based college.

The school is looking at teaming with the Buckeye Union High School District.

"We would have access to the (district's) facilities and classrooms," Pool said. "We don't have an agreement in place with the district, but it's just something being explored at this point."

District Superintendent Beverly Hurley welcomed the proposal.

"We're always excited about providing opportunities for the community to take courses closer to where they live, especially with gas prices the way they are," she said. "When we finalize it, it will be really exciting, and hopefully our community members will take advantage of that."

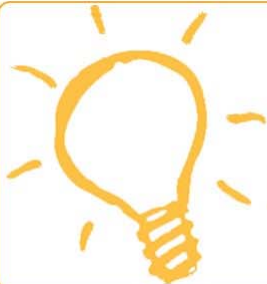
The college also is teaming with the Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce to find a location and promote the concept to the public.

"We're very excited to have Estrella Mountain in our community," said Deanna Kupcik, president and CEO of the chamber. "Continuing (education) is very important for our members because it's job training."

Two years ago, EMCC bought 80 acres near Turner Road and Southern Avenue for a permanent satellite in Buckeye. Pool hopes a campus will open in the town by 2016.

Until then, the college is looking for partnerships to that would serve far Southwest Valley residents, she said.

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