

Estrella Mountain Community College launches gifted education endorsement program

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Estrella Mountain Community College's

new gifted-education endorsement program is the only of its kind in the state, according to the Arizona Department of Education.

The six-course online program gives teachers the ability to become endorsed. Previously, endorsement was done sporadically or through a master's-level program, which is more expensive, said Deborah Raffin, Gifted Education Endorsement Program coordinator at EMCC. The state education department says teachers whose main priority is educating gifted students must have gifted-education endorsement.

Program description The first course starts Aug. 21. It explores giftedness definitions, addresses education issues, ways of identifying gifted students and types of programs and services developed for students.

Prerequisite

Students must have a provisional or standard early-childhood, elementary, secondary or special-education teaching certificate.

Cost

\$71 per credit.

Registration

Contact Marsha Carlen at marsha.carlen@estrellamountain.edu or 623-935-8479

Information: EMCC is at 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale. Visit estrellamountain.edu/ctl/teachedu/pdct.asp or contact Debora Raffin, deborah.raffin@estrellamountain.edu or 623-935-8441.

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