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MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROVES NEW HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education has approved Bristol Community College's new Hospitality Management Associate in Applied Science Program. The program will provide in-demand, diverse education in the four major hospitality areas of tourism, casino, hotel, and food service management.

There are few industries booming as quickly as the hospitality industry. Both locally and abroad, there is a great need for well-trained culinary artists, tourism experts, hotel, casino and food service managers, and professionals who know the skills of the industry. The new Hospitality Management program provides the final piece that provides a full array of hospitality and tourism related programs.

In addition to core courses, students select specialty concentrations. In Casino Management concentration, students focus on learning skills for dealing casino games, working as a casino pit boss, or floor supervisor. Hotel Management preparation includes front of house positions in concierge, front desk attendant, and event planning. In Tourism Management, students prepare for positions in tourism development, cruise ship booking, and community planning. In Food Service Management, students will prepare to work as bartenders, servers, or in food service sanitation and purchasing. Students will also train in cutting-edge hospitality labs specializing in casino gaming equipment, mixology, and more.

The new program is housed as part of the BCC CATCH Institute (Culinary Arts, Tourism, Casino and Hospitality Management), which collects these hospitality and tourism related programs into a single institute to allow students a multidisciplinary approach their hospitality education. For example, participants can study Culinary Arts while learning how to turn a business into a tourism destination, or learn Casino Management and also gain experience to supervise a restaurant within your venue. Students in CATCH programs get real-world, practical experience to enter into thriving career paths.

Admission is now open for the new programs and for all CATCH programs. For more information about any of the Hospitality Management Program or the CATCH Institute, please call 508.678.2811, ext. 2111.

