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## BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OFFER NEW PROGRAMS IN SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

Bristol Community College is proud to announce a new associate degree and certificate program in Sustainability Studies. The innovative field of Sustainability Studies offers a dynamic entry into the societal challenges and opportunities offered by climate change, resource consumption and energy use.

The program encourages students to apply Social Science based sustainability knowledge to a specific area of interest. A Social Science-based sustainability education makes students aware of the ecological realities facing humankind and prepares them to apply sustainability knowledge at work, home, and in the community through civic engagement.

Students in the program will be able both to anticipate and identify sustainability threats and challenges within societal settings, and address them with appropriate responses. The program also will prepare students to work effectively with agencies and communities to address sustainability challenges, as well as articulate sustainability responses through clear oral and writing practices.

Sustainability Studies career opportunities include environmental management, urban planning, ecological restoration, business consulting, human relations, and more. Students also may be eligible to transfer to programs at other colleges and universities including environmental studies, social work, education, business, and engineering.

Courses in the Sustainability Studies programs include Resilient Sustainability: Preparing for the Future; Science vs. Pseudo-Science; Sustainability from Different Perspectives; Sustainable Economics: The Rise of the New Economy; Sustainability, Human Rights and Climate Justice, and more.

About Bristol Community College Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. BCC has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings

that lead to an associate degree, a career-ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country. The College's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, corporate services, and Kids College. The BCC Foundation, a non-profit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the College's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, visit http://www.bristolcc.edu/aboutbcc/