



BOARD REPORT

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Bay Area Information Technology Consortium

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to join the Bay Area Information Technology Consortium (Bay ITC) campaign to increase and validate the information technology competence of our students using the ICDL (International Computer Driving License) tool.

Why ICDL for California Community Colleges and their Workforce Colleagues?

ICDL is the world's leading computer literacy certification. Millions of students worldwide have demonstrated their computer skills competency through ICDL. ICDL is a vendor-independent certification that is supported by thousands of corporations, schools, government agencies and not-for-profits.



Californians are highly mobile. ICDL participants can stay enrolled where ever they may travel. They just need an Internet connection to log into check their scores, print transcripts and take practice tests. Then students can use any ICDL testing site to complete their credentialing process.

Upon successful completion of the 7 ICDL tests, students will receive an ICDL Computer Competency Certificate. ICDL certifies a student's ability to handle the most common computing tasks that today's educators and employers are requiring. It is not a certification for a few technical people, but for everyone that uses a PC.

Employers and other organizations developed the seven ICDL modules to get better use of their information systems investments.

How ICDL Benefits Students


Candidates earning the internationally recognized ICDL certification are assured that they



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**Computer
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have proficiency in fundamental PC skills. ICDL holders gain self-confidence from knowing they can use a PC and today's most critical software applications.

Schools and Colleges around the world have found that their students perform better in almost all subjects after achieving ICDL certification. Information literate students are better students. Because of this, ICDL is now a required program in many colleges and universities. Currently, there are over 3 million students in over 100 countries pursuing their ICDL certification.

Students can be equipped with the necessary skills that attract today's employers. Over 94% of the US economy is service- and information- based. ICDL prepares students to compete for these jobs.

When ICDL is offered, institutions will be giving their students an advantage over others when competing for scholarships and the best-paying jobs. ICDL is a valuable credential that is unequalled in worldwide recognition, credibility and value.

By linking the scale of the community college to industry, government, and community agencies, Cerro Coso will be able to bring powerful forces into play that cannot be mobilized in isolation. The result will be the demonstrated ability to provide residents and employers with the life and workforce needed to remain competitive in a rapidly changing economy.

Bay ITC's proposal to scale a common sense solution is urgently needed, will provide "win, win" opportunities for both businesses and our students, with a clear

opportunity to reach important scale. Achieving this goal will make a significant impact in bridging the information user competence gap in the State of California.

Cerro Coso commits to providing contact information to faculty and staff vital to decision making in our institution; taking advantage of informational opportunities about the campaign and ICDL between January 1, 2004 and June 30, 2004; and define intent for further levels of participation by July 31, 2004.

Staff Holiday Dinner Dance/Fund Raiser

The Fire Mountain Foundation hosted a fun filled Holiday Party fundraiser for the College staff & invited guests on December 6th. A wonderful time was had by the over 100 folks in attendance. Drama students performed a variety of readings. A delicious roast sirloin and turkey buffet was enjoyed. The ice cream desserts were "killers" and one of the highlights of the party. A DJ played a wide assortment of music for the staffers dancing pleasure. The fundraiser made approximately \$700.00 for the Foundation's scholarships.

Annual Holiday Staff Potluck

The annual Holiday Potluck for staffers was held on December 18 with nearly 100 in attendance. With Yule tide feelings in the air, and the many assorted dishes on the buffet, made by our dedicated staff, everyone had a most enjoyable time. Dennis VanderWerff performed a reading of joy and expectation of the true meaning of the season. Carols were sung by the staff in attendance. Tom Foggia performed on his electric guitar and Jill Board provided the piano accompaniment.