



# Maine is IT!

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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### **KENNEBEC VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ESTABLISHES OFFERINGS TO CURB CRITICAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL SHORTFALL**

FAIRFIELD, ME – The Department of Labor estimates that there will be over 3,800 information technology related vacancies in Maine during 2015. This massive shortfall of trained IT Professionals has led Kennebec Valley Community College, in partnership with the Department of Labor, to offer high quality, low cost Professional Information Technology Credentials and Associates Degrees. The next certification courses begin June 16th.

Through the **Maine is IT!** initiative, students will earn internationally recognized certifications known as A+, Net+, and Sec+ in as little as 8 weeks. These certifications will then translate into course credit for Associate's Degrees. Many students qualify to obtain these certifications through a "free based" scholarship program. To be eligible for a summer scholarship, a student must be at least 18 years of age, demonstrate financial need, and be accepted into a **Maine is IT!** related program for the Fall 2014 Semester. A focus group of major IT employers in Maine have voiced their support for this program as it offers the training and credentials they desperately need. Currently, many employers are forced to contract with IT companies out of the State of Maine for remote support of many critical IT functions.

For more information and to sign up for courses, contact Alex Clifford, 207-453-5159, aclifford@kvcc.me.edu

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