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SFCC Highlights New Programs During Registration

Santa Fe, NM, Dec. 13, 2007 — Santa Fe Community College's registration period for spring 2008 credit classes has begun and continues through Jan. 18, 2008. The spring semester begins Jan. 19, 2008. There is no charge to apply and the college has an open enrollment policy.

This spring, SFCC's three newest academic programs are in full swing: Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy, Environmental Technologies Certificate Program and Facility Maintenance Technologies Certificate Program.

- The **AAS in Respiratory Therapy** consists of 71.5 credit hours of medical, science and general education requirements. Graduates will be eligible to take the National Board for Respiratory Care exams, which can qualify them to be credentialed nationally. Respiratory therapists evaluate and treat patients with breathing and cardiopulmonary disorders and typically work in hospital settings under the direction of a physician. A recent needs assessment of northern New Mexico health care facilities showed a strong and continued need for respiratory therapists. For more information, call (505) 428-1621.
- The **Environmental Technologies Certificate Program** is designed to provide students with an understanding of sustainability and renewable energy as well as the skills needed to work in energy and water-related businesses. This certificate will become part of SFCC's Associate of Applied Science degree in environmental technologies with concentrations in solar energy and water conservation. For more information, call (505) 428-1617.
- As part of the new **Facility Maintenance Technologies Certificate Program**, students can take entry-level classes in plumbing, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC). In addition to hands-on training, the program introduces students to the field of facilities management and related new technologies. The program was created out of a need in the community for plumbers and HVAC techs. For more information, call (505) 428-1617.

Class listings are available in the spring 2008 Schedule of Credit Classes or online at www.sfccnm.edu. Students who register and pay by 5 p.m. Jan. 4 can take advantage of the college's early bird tuition rates – a savings of \$3.30 per credit hour for in-state, in-district residents.

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Students can register and pay online at www.sfccnm.edu or in person at the SFCC campus, 6401 Richards Ave., Santa Fe. The SFCC Enrollment and Student Services office is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Advisers are available to help students with class selections.

SFCC offers two-year degrees, certificates and letters of qualification in dozens of programs, as well as post-baccalaureate professional credentials in teacher certification.

For learn more, call (505) 428-1270 or visit www.sfccnm.edu.

About Santa Fe Community College

Santa Fe Community College is the gateway to success for individuals and the community by providing affordable, high quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of a diverse community. The college serves more than 14,500 students per year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs. For further information, visit www.sfccnm.edu or call (505) 428-1000.

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