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Del Mar College Moving Forward, Providing Rockport-Aransas County Area Residents with Workforce Training at Temporary Location

DMC Continuing Education offering fast-track courses in carpentry and healthcare in Rockport starting in November

Fast-track courses targeting workforce training through Del Mar College (DMC) Continuing Education (CE) are starting in November in Rockport. The CE's offerings—including carpentry and healthcare training—are part of the College's [collaboration with Aransas County and the Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation](#) as part of the establishment of the Aransas County Workforce Development Center.

While renovation of the county-owned facility is soon to be underway, DMC is moving forward to offer its first courses at a temporary location—the **First Baptist Church in Rockport at 1515 N. Live Oak Street (78382)**.

“We are pleased to announce that Del Mar College has acquired a temporary location behind the First Baptist Church for workforce training to begin soon. This effort allows certain classes to start while additional funding is secured to supplement the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration Grant the county received for retrofitting the former site of Little Bay Primary,” says John Jackson, Chair of the Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation Task Force for Workforce Development. “We hope that prospective students around the Rockport-Aransas County area will enroll and take advantage of grant funds secured by the College to offer these classes tuition free.”

The county’s partnership with DMC focuses on providing fast-track training that aligns with the trades industry and health care needs of the area. They are based on career fields included on the Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend’s Targeted Occupational List for 2019-2021 for Aransas Pass, Bayside, Fulton, Ingleside, Refugio, Rockport, Tivoli and Woodsboro.

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“Del Mar College is addressing the continued need to rebuild the Rockport-Aransas County area and keep our region’s economy strong so that more Coastal Bend residents have a better way of life,” says Dr. Leonard Rivera, Dean of DMC Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs, about the partnership. “We’re moving forward with our partnership to offer short-term courses in Rockport at the temporary location so that area residents can quickly earn credentials for high-demand jobs currently available.”

Individuals may qualify to take courses tuition-free through a Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Institutional Capacity Grant awarded to the College by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

To view current and future courses and information about tuition-free enrollment or to apply online, visit www.delmar.edu/rockport/. Application for the TRUE Grant is also on the same web page.

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