

## **UW Tacoma coming to Satsop**

### **Local News**

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SATSOP &ndash; Would you like to learn more about project management or contract management? If so, you can now do so closer to home.

The University of Washington Tacoma KeyBank Professional Development Center will offer project management and contract management certificate programs at the Regional Education and Training Center&rsquo;s (RETC) Satsop campus starting in August. The new collaboration between the RETC and the UW Tacoma&rsquo;s KeyBank Center will bring high-demand professional certifications to the region, targeting Grays Harbor, Centralia, Shelton, Olympia, Tumwater and surrounding areas.

The RETC and UW Tacoma&rsquo;s KeyBank Center hosted a fact-finding forum May 5 attended by community members representing local manufacturers, small business, government agencies, healthcare, labor and education.

&ldquo;The strong show of support at that forum demonstrated a demand in the area for continuing education opportunities,&rdquo; said Ryan Davis, executive director of the RETC. &ldquo;In today&rsquo;s fast-paced economy, education is an ongoing process. This recession has impacted workers at all levels. Earning these certificates can provide a pathway to employment or advancement in the workplace,&rdquo; Davis said.

&ldquo;We were pleased at the turn-out at the May 5 fact-finding forum. Attendees provided many good suggestions for potential programs to bring to the RETC,&rdquo; said Alice Dionne, director for the UW Tacoma KeyBank Center. &ldquo;As it turned out, our project management certificate was one of the most in demand for the area and we were able to quickly respond to this demand. We are very excited about partnering with RETC and look forward to scheduling future programs at the Satsop campus,&rdquo; Dionne said.

The Project Management Certificate Program will be all-day classes offered Tuesdays starting Aug. 3 for five consecutive weeks. The program covers project management fundamentals, project planning, cost and scheduling fundamentals, managerial communication and problem solving. It will teach Microsoft Project as an implementation tool. At the completion of the program, students will receive a Certificate of Completion in Project Management and four continuing education credits. The program

costs \$1,720 and is eligible for WorkSource, dislocated workers and Veterans Affairs benefits.

The Contract Management Certificate Program will begin in early September and be offered as an evening class throughout the academic year. Students may choose to earn the certificate or just attend one or more of the courses to expand their knowledge in various aspects of contracting. Pricing and schedules for this program are available on the UW Tacoma KeyBank Center website.

For more information about either program go to [www.tacoma.washington.edu/pdc](http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/pdc). You may also call UW Tacoma at (253) 692-4618 or send an email to [uwtpdctr@u.washington.edu](mailto:uwtpdctr@u.washington.edu).

The mission of the KeyBank Professional Development Center is to expand access to the resources of the University of Washington Tacoma by offering advanced, non-degree education to individuals and organizations in the South Puget Sound region. As a self-sustaining unit, the Center offers a wide range of seminars, workshops and courses to enhance the knowledge and skills of community members.

The Regional Education and Training Center, located at the Satsop Development Park near Elma, is a non-profit organization established by a three-year, \$5 million Department of Labor WIRED grant. The Center seeks to advance regional workforce development by offering an array of training programs rapidly adaptable to the changing demands of industry. The RETC offers training to comply with OSHA safety standards, Advanced Equipment Operation, Online Technologies, Green Jobs and supports programs at local high schools throughout the region.