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## **Rancho Santiago Community College District's Corporate Training Institute Launches Online Tax Preparers' Courses**

(Santa Ana)—The Corporate Training Institute (CTI), a workforce development program of Rancho Santiago Community College District, has partnered with the Pacific Northwest Tax School (PNWTS) to offer online, self-paced basic tax courses. The courses address the new 2012 IRS testing requirements for tax preparers that go into effect in April. These courses offer paid tax preparers the opportunity to refresh their federal tax knowledge, as well as provides new preparers with the knowledge to pass the revised IRS competency test and succeed as a preparer.

Under the IRS's new regulation, tax preparers who want to prepare federal tax returns are required to take the Registered Tax Return Preparer (RTRP) competency exam by December 31, 2013. If the estimated 300,000 to 500,000 tax preparers nationwide do not take the RTRP exam by the end of 2013, they will be forced to leave the industry.

The partnership between CTI and PNWTS will provide students with immediate access to online tax education courses and the opportunity to earn a certificate of completion.

“Through CTI, students can sign up for individual classes one at a time or enroll in the comprehensive series of courses to meet the new IRS requirements,” said Ruth Cossio-Muñiz, director of CTI. “This new offering complements CTI's purpose of serving the community with training opportunities that enhance personal and professional growth.”

Courses are available from \$50 to \$130 per session. Full, comprehensive series begin at \$99. To register, go to the Training page at [www.cti4success.org](http://www.cti4success.org) and click on IRS Exam Preparation Courses.

For more information, contact CTI Director Ruth Cossio-Muñiz at (714) 564-5521.

### **About the Corporate Training Institute**

*The Corporate Training Institute (CTI) is part of a statewide network that offers affordable, customized training solutions to the public and private sectors. An economic development program of Rancho Santiago Community College District, CTI helps Orange County businesses compete effectively in the marketplace. For more information, call (714) 564-5520 or visit [www.cti4success.org](http://www.cti4success.org).*

### **About the Rancho Santiago Community College District**

*The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.*

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