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CSN Secures Nearly $3 Million to Expand AI Education and Workforce Training

Five-year NEXUS initiative will create new tech pathways, support student success and prepare Southern Nevada's future workforce

Nov. 2, 2026 – CSN has been selected to receive nearly $3 million in federal funding to expand artificial intelligence education, strengthen technology programs and help students prepare for high-demand careers in Southern Nevada.

The five-year NEXUS Workforce Initiative will support new educational opportunities in computing and information technology, including the creation of a NEXUS Center for Excellence. The proposed project budget totals $2,998,756.

NEXUS, which stands for Nevada's Emerging Workforce eXcellence through Upskilling and Student Success, will focus on connecting education with workforce needs while providing students with additional pathways to earn college credentials.

As part of the initiative, CSN plans to develop at least 12 artificial intelligence courses and nine pathways allowing students to transition from noncredit workforce training into college credit programs. A new Faculty Fellows Program will also provide AI-focused professional development for 120 faculty members, helping expand the college's capacity to teach emerging technologies.

Student success will be another key focus. Two dedicated advisers will help technology students navigate academic planning, stay on track and work toward completing their credentials.

The initiative also aims to strengthen connections between classroom learning and employer needs in growing fields such as cybersecurity, cloud computing and data analytics.

Through NEXUS, CSN will expand opportunities for students to gain relevant skills, continue their education and pursue careers in Southern Nevada's evolving technology workforce.

Learn more: https://news.csn.edu/csn-awarded-nearly-3-million-for-nexus-initiative/

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