

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Grant affords free training for MCCC employess

Thanks to a new \$1.33 million grant, area businesses and nonprofit organizations can now send their employees for training in basic math and communication skills, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Microsoft applications, free of charge.

Taught by instructors from Mercer County Community College's Center for Training and Development at its campus in West Windsor, the training can also be arranged at employment sites when a company has 10 or more of employees needing the training.

The grant was secured in cooperation with the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development through a grant to the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and the New Jersey County College Consortium.

The program is made easy for participating businesses as there is no complicated paperwork or financial disclosure required.

Participating businesses have no complicated paperwork or financial disclosures, and there is no charge to them other than regular employee wages during working hours. If the class is scheduled at a time other than working hours, the employer must pay the worker's salary.

Employers who wish to take advantage of this free

training program should call Elaine Weinberg, director of the MCCC Center for Training and Development, at 609-570-3612 or e-mail eweinbe@mccc.edu.

In addition to state-funded training, Mercer County Community College's Center for Training and Development designs customized training programs for major corporations as well as small businesses, hospitals, government agencies and nonprofit organizations. In addition to increasing employee skills, training programs help businesses improve productivity, support change initiatives, increase sales and improve job retention.

