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## PSC nonprofit center announces 2024 certification programs

The Pensacola State College Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Philanthropy certification program ensures that applicants meet federal, state and local regulations while adhering to the highest nonprofit management standards.

The program is led by PSC faculty, nonprofit experts and community partners. Nonprofit professionals will be trained and evaluated on best practices in essential areas, including board governance, strategic planning, fundraising, risk management, human resources and financial management.

The center offers two certification program options – Certification for Organizational Excellence (four attendees and an organizational membership, \$2,500 fee) and Certification for Core Competencies (one organizational attendee and membership, \$500 fee).

Scholarships are available for nonprofits and organizations seeking accreditation.

“Nonprofit organizations and professionals should seek certification because it boosts credibility,” said Andrea Krieger, PSC’s executive director of Institutional Development.

“Certification demonstrates an organization’s dedication to excellence and commitment to the highest standards. You’ll be more trustworthy to donors, partners and volunteers.”

Krieger added certification also enhances accountability, noting that certified organizations follow best practices that ensure responsible stewardship of resources.

"These certifications can attract more supporters and show professional growth," she said. "Personal and team development is key. Certification empowers organizations with the latest skills and knowledge, increasing its value."

Other benefits of certification include access to grant opportunities, research and templates that amplify impact.

Krieger said many grants, partnerships and collaborations prioritize working with nonprofits that can prove legal compliance and demonstrate transparent and ethical business practices – qualities found in nonprofits with a certified status.

"Certification helps nonprofits get their foot in the door for amazing projects. We are excited to support the nonprofits that enhance the vibrancy of our wonderful community," she shared.

For more information on certification and application instructions, visit <https://npc.pensacolastate.edu/nonprofit-center-certification-program/>.

Jan. 1 is the deadline for certification applications. However, applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to be matched with scholarship opportunities.

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