

## NSF awards grant to TMCC

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The National Science Foundation has awarded Truckee Meadows Community College a grant to start a new engineering program.

The NSF awarded TMCC a two-year, \$144,000 grant that

will be used to create the civil engineer practitioner program. After the successful completion of 65 credits in technical engineering, students will graduate with an associate of applied science degree.

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site, this program will focus less on higher order mathematics and more on practical courses and training. Principal investigator and engineering instructor Jim Nichols said students with good practical math skills and a desire to work with his or her hands might find this program an excellent start for a career in the engineering field.

According to Nichols, the program will allow students to enter the market quicker than those seeking a higher degree in engineering. In the workplace, students will be able to improve and add to the skills they have learned in school.

The program is expected to start in spring 2010. According to NSF records, this is the first time it has given a grant to TMCC since May 1995.

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