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# James Grisett

James Grisett, Ontario, was among the many people who found themselves jobless last year in the aftermath of the economic downturn and major layoffs in the Treasure Valley. But instead of spending days frustrated by the lack of job prospects, Grisett enrolled in the newly-revised Computer Information Systems Program at Treasure Valley Community College.

To keep pace with changing industry demands, TVCC revised the CIS program and developed one-year and two-year program options.

Students successfully completing the first year of the program may apply for a Computer Information Systems Certificate. All courses in the certificate are also part of the two-year degree. Those completing the certificate are prepared for entry level desk support positions in a variety of business settings.

The second year option allows student to build on the credits and the knowledge they gained in the first-year courses, to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Students successfully completing the two-year degree program are also prepared to take certification exams for Cisco® CCNA and Microsoft® MCP. The degree prepares students for work in a variety of industries as computer support specialists involved in application development, troubleshooting, network administration, technical and end-user support.

Already an experienced and seasoned IT professional, Grisett said the CIS program provided some review, but also built additional skills. "I'm taking math again for the first time since high school, which can be challenging," he



said. "Some of the classes are actually more of a review of what I already know, but I've still found the information to be really beneficial." Within a year of starting the program he now has a new job with Internet Truckstop in New Plymouth, Idaho, as a network systems administrator. Although he's employed again, Grisett is continuing with the degree program.