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**LAUNCH YOUR CAREER WITH GOODWILL'S
NEW GOOD CAREERS ACADEMY**

You might think of Goodwill as a place to shop or to drop off unwanted household items. But now, it's also a launch pad for careers in high-demand fields.

Goodwill's Good Careers Academy is now underway, offering accredited certification and training programs in information technology and health care fields, along with courses in basic computer skills and GED completion. The academy is conveniently located on the city's Northwest side within the Goodwill store at 12332 I-10 West at DeZavala Road.

What makes the Good Careers Academy different from other career training programs? It's the only program backed by one of San Antonio's largest non-profit organizations, Goodwill, and its mission to help change lives through the power of work.

That's why tuition at the Good Career Academy is priced significantly lower than other career training schools, while offering multiple levels of support to help students achieve their goals.

"Our goal is to make it possible for anyone who wants to get on a solid career path to do so," says Bob Dugas, President and CEO of Goodwill.

Programs at the academy include three high-demand career tracks that will prepare students for certification as IT technicians, nursing aides or medical front office staff.

The information technology program provides entry-level computer training and networking, helping students earn both A+ and Network+ certifications from the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA).

The course covers preventive maintenance for computers, basic networking, installation, troubleshooting and communication, as well as maintaining, managing, troubleshooting, operating and configuring basic network infrastructure.

Tuition is \$3,500 for the four-month IT certification program, which includes the first round of certification exam testing, tools and course curriculum.

In health care, the academy offers a Certified Nursing Aide program (CNA), providing entry-level training in the nursing field. Nursing aides help care for people with physical or mental illnesses in a hospital, nursing care facility or mental health setting. Tuition for this six-week program is \$500, which includes the first round of certification testing.

A medical front office certification program provides instruction on office administration, medical billing/coding, HIPAA regulations, insurance vocabulary and more, with an instructor and course curriculum from San Antonio College. Tuition for the four-month program is \$575 and includes the first round of exam testing.

Once students pass their certification exams, they're job-ready and can take advantage of the academy's placement services, including career coaching, resume help, job leads, job fair opportunities and one-on-one networking with employers.

The academy offers each student excellent support to help them complete their program. A case manager works with each student to assist them with any issues outside of the classroom that might affect their studies, such as child care and transportation.

The Good Careers Academy also provides prevocational training to help students build a foundation for other certification programs. Before beginning a program, students are assessed to determine if any prerequisite courses are needed. Courses include GED Preparation, Microsoft Office, and Computer Technology, which offers basic training in Windows, IC3 Internet Computing and more.

All prerequisite courses are self-paced and cost from \$100 to \$200. All courses take place at the academy, which includes an IT lab and a medical training classroom.

Some applicants may be eligible for a 25 percent tuition discount. The academy will also refer those who qualify to other potential funding sources.

Registration for all programs is ongoing. A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required upon registration. For more information please call 210-924-8581 ext. 5200.

Is it time to make a change in your life? Maybe you're ready to transition from a job to a profession. With affordable training and unparalleled support from Goodwill's Good Careers Academy, a new career is only a few months away.

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