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### **ASU Mid-South Announces New Program in Computer and Database Programming**

Arkansas State University Mid-South is pleased to announce that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) recently approved Mid-South's proposal to offer a new Associate of Applied Science degree program in Computer and Database Programming.

ASU Mid-South's program, which begins Fall 2021, will align with Governor Asa Hutchinson's Computer Science Initiative to bring more computer programming and related occupations to Arkansas. The program consists of two certificates of proficiency, a technical certificate and the associate of applied science degree with opportunities to earn industry-related certificates in applications such as Oracle and Java along the way.

The new computer and database program comes at a time when over 900 new job openings with occupational titles like Applications Software Developer, Web Developer and Computer Programmer for are projected through 2026 in our region alone. Job seekers with in-demand computer skills and industry certifications can qualify for high-wage jobs.

The new program will be funded through a \$2.25 million Title III Strengthening Institutions grant which will support the cost of critical resources, such as faculty, equipment, supplies, and renovation of classroom lab space. Regional Workforce Grant funding will provide additional support to the College's existing Information Systems Technology program, which will share space and resources with the new Computer Programming program, and offers complementary programs of study.

For more information about ASU Mid-South's new computer and database programming, contact Fesobi Saliu at [fsaliu@asumidsouth.edu](mailto:fsaliu@asumidsouth.edu).

#### **About Arkansas State University Mid-South**

Arkansas State University Mid-South is a public two-year institution of higher education with an open-door admission policy, serving Crittenden County, Arkansas, and the surrounding areas with a comprehensive educational program. The College is committed to economic development in the Arkansas Delta through the provision of quality, affordable, and convenient learning opportunities and services consistent with identified student, community, and regional needs. To meet these needs, the College provides quality academic and support programs, personnel, technology, administrative services, and facilities necessary to respond in a timely and effective manner.

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