

## **Southside VA Community College offers two 16-week HVAC Program**

SVCC, intent on developing today's HVAC workforce, offers two, 16-week Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) programs at the Lake Country Advanced Knowledge Center in South Hill. SVCC recognizes the demand for these skilled workers is greater than the supply. The need for individuals with installation, maintenance, and repair skills has continued to increase in recent years. In fact, the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (BLS 2018) expected that openings for HVAC professionals would grow 15 percent nationwide between 2016 and 2026, more than double the anticipated growth for all occupations. "Professionals in the HVAC profession are highly skilled, well paid, and are in great demand. This is a great opportunity to enter an excellent career in a very short period of time", said Vice President Workforce Development & Interim Vice President of Academics, Dr. Keith Harkins.

This highly interactive, hands-on training opportunity provides students the opportunity to earn several highly recognized industry credentials through NCCER. By utilizing a blended format, students are able to progress at their own pace. Those with previous experience in the HVAC field are able to enter the program at a higher level and use our world-class facilities in an open-lab format. This allows maximum flexibility without sacrificing quality of instruction. Instructor, Vincent Brown, states, "Companies value NCCER credentials and they are recognized nationwide. These credentials prove and validate competence in job-related skills."