

# PATH TO IT PRACTICE

Increasing Credential Completions at Southside Virginia Community College

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## OVERVIEW

Path to IT Practice: Increasing Credential Completions at Southside Virginia Community College is centered in the college's Center for Information Technology Excellence (CITE) lab – a state of the art facility that has been underutilized, especially by women and underrepresented minorities (URMs).

## GOALS

The goal of this project is to increase the number of students from Southside Virginia Community College, especially those from populations currently underrepresented in the IT professions, who achieve stackable and/or stacked IT credentials in preparation of entering the regional IT workforce. The project will target high school students in dual enrollment programs, as well as adult learners, employing a culturally responsive model that will increase enrollments and retention. Project goals will be attained by the deployment of a program infrastructure that incorporates a comprehensive recruitment strategy, with a specific focus on students from groups traditionally underrepresented in IT careers, coupled with academic support strategies and identity-building and self-efficacy activities to ensure student success.

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Program infrastructure and sustainability planning
- Recruitment and retention
- Academic Improvements (structural student supports and student outcomes)

## AT A GLANCE STUDENTS

- Dual enrollment students from six local K12 school systems
- Adult learners in night classes

## CREDENTIALS

- CompTIA ITF+
- CompTIA A+
- CompTIA Server+
- CompTIA Network+
- CompTIA Security+
- CompTIA Cloud Essentials+



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