



STCC adds associate's degree in architecture and building technology

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STCC student Julio Mojica, of Holyoke, presents his final project in the Architectural Design IV Capstone class. STCC will now offer students the option of obtaining an Associate in Science in Architecture and Building Technology starting this fall. *(Submitted photo)*

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The state Board of Higher Education recently approved an associate's degree program in architecture and building technology for Springfield Technical Community College.

The program, in the college's School of Engineering Technologies, is led by Warren Hall, department chair, and is now accepting applications for the fall semester.

Students who successfully complete the requirements of the program will be fully-trained to enter the workforce as computer-assisted-design-capable architectural draft-persons, assistant construction estimators, deputy building code officials, retail construction material representatives or have the option of transferring to a baccalaureate institution where they may pursue an undergraduate major in architecture, building and construction technology, or other related fields.

The department will be headed by Hall, who has more than 30 years of experience in the design and construction fields. While many classes will be taught by Hall, classes also will be taught by area professionals Stephanie Brown, of Shift Design, Alfonso Nardi, architect, and Robert Vetrano, a computer-aided design specialist.

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