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Earn an Accredited High School Diploma at Your County Library
Career Online High School Program Available for Free to Residents

Largo, MD – The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is offering qualified community members the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through *Career Online High School*, a program brought to public libraries by Gale, a part of Cengage Learning. Part of the world’s first accredited, private online school district, *Career Online High School* is specifically designed to reengage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce. “Individuals with a high school diploma are employed at a rate of 76%. For those without high school credentials, the employment rate drops to 57%,” according to a 2014 [Connecting Youth to Opportunity](#) report (see page 3) by the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.

“Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement,” said the Library’s Chief Executive Officer Kathleen Teaze. “By offering *Career Online High School*, we’re empowering our residents to seek new opportunities and transform their lives.”

“We’re delighted to partner with PGCMLS to offer *Career Online High School* and give residents access to education and the potential to change their lives,” said Paul Gazzolo, senior vice president and general manager for Gale.

The Library System will award scholarships for *Career Online High School* to qualified learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers. Once enrolled, *Career Online High School* pairs each student with an Academic Coach, who assists with developing an individual career plan, offers ongoing guidance and encouragement, evaluates performance, and connects the learner with the resources needed to demonstrate mastery of the course material. Classes are supported by board-certified instructors and students have 24/7 access to the online learning platform. Coursework begins in one of eight high-growth, high-demand career fields

– across a wide spectrum from child care and education to certified transportation – before progressing to the core academic subjects. Many students are able to graduate in as few as 4 to 6 months by transferring in previously earned high school credits.

Learn more about *Career Online High School* at your County Library or on our website at www.pgcmls.info.

About The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Skills development library resources include: Rosetta Stone Library Solution, Lynda.com, Brainfuse’s HelpNow and JobNow, ArtistWorks for Libraries and Learning Express Library. Early literacy resources are: Ready 2 Read Centers, Ready 2 Read Backpacks, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack and Playaway Launchpads. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Also, enjoy Minecraft, 3D printing, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab, Chess Clubs, MAC (Manga and Anime Clubs) and many more free programs available at your library. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Learn more about what your Library has to offer at www.pgcmls.info.

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