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LaunchCode Classes Now Enrolling Aspiring Kansas City Technologists

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – LaunchCode, a national nonprofit focused on providing pathways to tech careers, is now accepting applications for their free coding course, LC101.

LC101 is LaunchCode's introduction to computer programming course – an intensive, 20-week program designed to train students in the tech skills they need to seek an apprenticeship and ultimately a career in technology. The free course begins August 13 and will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings at Rockhurst University. After honing their technical skills, LaunchCode matches learners with an employer partners for a paid apprenticeship.

Through previous training initiatives, LaunchCode has already placed over 80 individuals into upwardly mobile tech careers and has helped nearly 400 community members gain tech skills in the Kansas City region.

Individuals interested in applying for LC101 can visit our <u>website</u>.

About LaunchCode

Founded by Jim McKelvey, co-founder of Square, LaunchCode creates pathways to economic opportunity through free education, apprenticeships and job placement by matching driven, qualified learners with employers experiencing a shortage of diverse tech talent. To learn more, visit www.launchcode.org.