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## ***Press Release***

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### **Earn an Accredited High School Diploma at Fresno County Public Library**

Fresno County Public Library 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. According to the US Census more than 250,000 adults, age 25 years and older in Fresno County lack a high school degree or equivalent.

“Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement,” said County Librarian, Laurel Prysiazny. “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 Fresno County Public Library 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.

Residents can learn more about Career Online High School by visiting the library’s Web site [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org) or calling the Library at (559) 600 – READ (7323).

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