

Coolidge college plans to open Santan-area site

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Central Arizona College in Coolidge will open its first center in the Santan area this fall, located at the Shops at Copper Basin off Hunt Highway.

"We're very close to starting construction," said John Irvine, the college's vice president of academic programs and services. "The outside is already built. We're ready to add walls and classrooms."

The 7,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open in October or early November and will feature six classrooms, a testing room, four offices for advisers, faculty and staff.

It will also have a reception area staffed by student-services personnel.

Classes at the location will include various degree and certificate programs and community-education, continuing-education and GED courses.

Irvine said the school's short-term goal is to offer four-, six- and eight-week classes by spring semester.

Long-term goals include a larger campus in

the Santan region, Irvine said.

The bond to fund that construction will be on the November ballot.

Irvine said the college is responding to the area's explosive growth over the past five years.

"We wanted to find a location that is accessible to the community, and we wanted to be able to provide services for this area and population base," he said. "There are a lot of families, high-school graduates and working adults."

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