

**PROGRAM APPLICATION  
SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT**

**Blue Ridge Community College  
Emergency Medical Science (A45340)**

**I. Program Planning**

Blue Ridge Community College is seeking approval for the Emergency Medical Science (A45340) program to begin Fall 2011. The planning area is defined as the college's service area of Henderson and Transylvania counties.

All colleges were notified of the planning process for this program, and a planning meeting was held. The college conducted an employment availability survey within the planning area:

Currently:	23 full-time employment positions available
1st graduating class:	27 full-time employment positions available
2nd graduating class:	37 full-time employment positions available

The average entry-level salary is \$26,750 per year.

**II. Impact of the Proposed Program on Other Programs**

There are eighteen community colleges approved to offer the Emergency Medical Science (EMS) program. An impact assessment was sent to each college. A negative response was initially received from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. This negative impact has been resolved. The other colleges did not object to the program.

**III. Feasibility Plan**

Blue Ridge Community College surveyed potential students enrolled in the high schools in Henderson and Transylvania counties, current students enrolled at the college and potential students through the Job Link center. The results indicated the following:

Full-time:	49 potential students
Part-time:	43 potential students

Projected enrollment for the first two classes:

1st class:	15 full-time and 10 part-time
2nd class:	10 full-time and 15 part-time

This program will utilize the equipment and facilities designated for the continuing education EMS program. The college has adequate space for the classroom and lab. The start-up cost is estimated at \$4,000 for equipment and supplies. The start-up cost for the faculty is \$80,000. The ongoing estimated annual cost is \$14,000 for equipment and supplies and \$80,000 for faculty. The funds necessary to operate the program will come from regular budget FTE and Allied Health Funding.

**IV. Implementation of Collaborative Plan**

Not Applicable

**V. Curriculum Design**

The advisory committee participated in the development of the program competencies and skills. The proposed program of study is in compliance with the State Board approved curriculum standard.

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