

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers**  
**FY 2017-18**

**State Board Requirement:** On September 18, 2015, the State Board approved a *Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers* to provide guidance on the training-course tuition and registration fees that may be waived by colleges for eligible employees and volunteers affiliated with public safety entities outlined in General Statute (G.S.) 115D-5(b)(2). At that time, the State Board also approved a process for making revisions to the list. The process allows the System President to approve revisions and then provide the Board with an annual update. The 2015-2016 update was presented to the Board on September 18, 2016. **There have been no substantive changes to the specialized course list since September 18, 2016.**

**Summary of Report:** The attached list shows the currently approved *Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers*. The only change noted since September 18, 2016, is an editorial change made to correct a previous copy and paste error (see Rescue and Lifesaving Departments section on attachment).

**Reference:**

G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): "...The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:

- (2) Courses requested by the following entities that support the organizations' training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges:
  - a. Volunteer fire departments.
  - b. Municipal, county, or State fire departments.
  - c. Volunteer EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
  - d. Municipal, county, or State EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
  - d1. Law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue and lifesaving entities serving a lake authority that was created by a county board of commissioners prior to July 1, 2012.
  - e. Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams (REACT) under contract to a county as an emergency response agency.
  - f. Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies.
  - g. The Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety for the training of full-time custodial employees and employees of the Division's Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.
  - h. The Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety for the training of employees required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.
  - i. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue and lifesaving tribal government departments or programs.
- (2a) Firefighters, EMS personnel, and rescue and lifesaving personnel whose duty station is located on a military installation within North Carolina for courses that support their organizations' training needs and are approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges.

# Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers

September 15, 2017 Update to the State Board

The original list was approved by the State Board on September 18, 2015, and the Board received an update of changes on September 18, 2016. There have been no substantive changes since September 18, 2016.

**Relevant excerpt from G.S. 115D-5(b):** "...The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following: (2) Courses requested by the following entities that support the organizations' training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges:

Organizations	Eligible Training
<p><b>Fire Departments</b> (Military*, Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, &amp; Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p><b>Continuing Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with an FIP, EPT, WLF, HAZ, or OSH course prefix.</li> <li>• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR training.</li> <li>• Courses with an EMS or CJC prefix; EME-3500 Emergency Dispatch; and courses with a COD prefix related to Law and Administration or Fire Inspection when such training is for firefighters or dispatchers/telecommunicators whose duties within the department necessitate such training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EMS - Emergency Medical Services</b> (Military*, Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, &amp; Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p><b>Continuing Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with EMS, EPT, or OSH course prefixes.</li> <li>• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR training.</li> <li>• MED-3200 Critical Care Transport; EME-3500 Emergency Dispatch; and courses with an FIP or CJC prefix when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the EMS department necessitate such training.</li> <li>• SMAT team training is limited to EMS-4000 for initial training or continuing education training. SMAT continuing education course content in EMS-4000 is limited to specific topics verified by the SMAT Lead Representative as being part of the SMAT's approved training plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rescue and Lifesaving Departments</b>, including Emergency Management (Military*, Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, &amp; Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p><b>Continuing Education:</b></p> <p>For Volunteer, Municipal, County, or State Rescue Squad Members and Search and Rescue Team Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with an EPT course prefix.</li> <li>• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid or CPR.</li> <li>• Courses with an EMS or FIP course prefix when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the rescue squad necessitate such training.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR</li> </ul> <p>For Municipal, County, or State Emergency Management Personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with an EPT course prefix.</li> <li>• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR.</li> <li>• Courses with an HAZ or FIP prefix that are related to Hazardous Materials.</li> <li>• <i>Other courses may be added to this list if approved by the Division of Emergency Management as meeting the agency’s training needs.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>For Volunteer Emergency Management Personnel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPT-5202 is waived for members of the state’s Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), all of which are comprised of private citizen volunteers. CERT members may also be eligible for other EPT courses if the CERT is part of a local or state EOP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rescue and lifesaving personnel whose duty station is on a North Carolina military installation, including the NC National Guard, and who are listed in a local or state Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):</b> <i>(editorial correction)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with an EPT prefix</li> </ul> <p><b>For other individuals identified in local or state Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with an EPT prefix.</li> </ul> <p><b>For dispatchers/telecommunicators employed by municipal, county or state government or local emergency management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with a CJC, EMS, EPT, FIP or EME course prefix and courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid or CPR</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Law Enforcement Agencies</b> (Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, &amp; Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p><b>Continuing Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with a CJC, EPT, HAZ, or OSH course prefix.</li> <li>• Basic Law Enforcement Training with sponsorship letter from an authorized organization.</li> <li>• Courses with SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR training.</li> <li>• Courses with an FIP or EMS prefix and EME-3500 Emergency Dispatch, when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the agency necessitate such training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) with sponsorship letter from an authorized organization.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety, and The Division's Section of Community Corrections</b></p>	<p><b>Continuing Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with a CJC course prefix.</li> <li>• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR.</li> <li>• FIP-4711 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for eligible employees identified by the Division of Adult Correction as needing this training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety</b></p>	<p><b>Continuing Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses with a CJC course prefix.</li> <li>• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR.</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>

\* "Military" waivers referenced above apply to the following:

- "Firefighters, EMS personnel, and rescue and lifesaving personnel whose duty station is located on a military installation within North Carolina for courses that support their organizations' training needs and are approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges," *per Session Law 2016-94, Section 10.4, effective fall term 2016 (August 15, 2016).*
- "United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy; the North Carolina National Guard; and any reserve component of the foregoing." This definition is consistent with the definition of "Armed Forces" in G.S. 116-143.3.

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