



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
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To: Fire/Rescue School Directors
Senior Continuing Education Administrators
North Carolina Community College System

From: Tracy McPherson, Director, Public Safety Training Programs

RE: **CCL Updates: New FIP Courses and Updated Blue Sheet**

This memo has three purposes:

1. To advise you of the addition of four new Fire and Rescue (FIP) courses to the Combined Course Library (CCL) that are aligned with **National Fire Academy leadership courses**;
2. To remind you of the many new FIP course numbers becoming effective July 1, 2020, that align with the **newest mandated standards of the NC Fire and Rescue Commission**; and
3. To provide you with an updated copy of the System Office “**Blue Sheet**” of FIP, WLF, and EPT courses.

New National Fire Academy Courses

The State Board of Community Colleges recently approved the following FIP courses for addition to the Combined Course Library. Please run the XUIC process immediately to download to your local course library, if you have not already done so.

Course ID	Course Title	Recommended Hours	Tier Level
FIP 3517	NFA Leadership Growth	16	3
FIP 3518	NFA Leadership Perspectives	16	3
FIP 3519	NFA Leadership Frameworks	16	3
FIP 3520	NFA Leadership Series	48	3

Note: **FIP-3500 National Fire Academy Courses** is still available in the CCL and should be used for all other NFA courses.

This information was also sent to colleges via **Numbered Memo CC20-44** which may be found online at <https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/numbered-memos>.

As always, courses that align with programs managed by external approving authorities or standards entities must be run under the explicit guidelines of these entities. Please contact the appropriate agency for program guidance.

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Newest Standards from the NC Fire and Rescue Commission

The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has notified college Fire and Rescue School Directors of changes and impending changes to many fire and rescue certification programs over the past months. Many of these changes have necessitated revisions, additions, or deletions to the Community College System Combined Course Library. Due to the numerous changes to align with the most current industry standards, many with effective dates of July 1, 2020, please be particularly careful to review all course section numbers, all course standards, and all course effective dates when creating and offering courses to ensure that you are adhering to any changes at the appropriate times.

Current certification program information may be accessed online via the Office of State Fire Marshal website: https://ncdoi.com/OSFM/Fire_Rescue_Commission/Default.aspx?field1=Certification_and_Training_-_Courses&user=Certification_and_Training

As always, the Fire and Rescue School Director(s) on file with OSFM for the college are the official points of contact working with OSFM certification specialists in your region/zone to ensure compliance.

Updated Blue Sheet

The System Office has created a document that groups the FIP course numbers from the CCL into the associated certification programs for easy review/access, and we have named that sheet the "Blue Sheet." It also includes courses with the following prefixes: WLF, and EPT. The most current Blue Sheet is attached for reference and notes the end and start dates of the numerous FIP course IDs with changes. This is not the first notification of the changes; it is merely a summary for reference.

Please note that the Blue Sheet is designed to be a convenient reference only. All certification program guidance must come from OSFM or the related standards body, and all official CCL information should come directly from the Combined Course Library. If discrepancies are found in the Blue Sheet, please let us know so that we may update it as needed.

Thank you for your attention to these changes and additions to courses in your Fire and Rescue training programs. If you have questions about this information, please contact Kenny Weatherington, NCCCS Fire & Rescue/Emergency Management Training Specialist at weatheringtonk@ncccommunitycolleges.edu or 919-291-6341.

As always, thank you for your support of fire and rescue training in your community. You are making a difference every day.

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