

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Specialized Public Safety Waiver List

State Board Requirement: General Statute 115D-5(b) provides that the State Board of Community Colleges may provide for waiver of tuition and registration fees for courses requested by specified public safety entities “that support the organizations' training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges.” *Reference: G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) attached.*

On September 18, 2015, the State Board approved the initial *Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers*, along with a process for maintaining this list. The process specifies that the System President may approve revisions to the list and will provide the Board with an annual update.

Summary of Report: The following is the required annual update for 2021-22 academic year.

- **The following substantive changes have been approved by the System President since the last update to the Board on October 16, 2020:**
 - **Courses with an EMS prefix (i.e. Emergency Medical Services courses) have been added to the approved list for identified personnel within the NC Department of Public Safety (NCDPS).**

NCDPS leadership requested this addition to allow officers within the new Special Operations and Intelligence Unit to be trained as Emergency Medical Technicians in support of the agency’s mission to enhance its ability to provide immediate assistance to persons in correctional facilities who may need emergency care prior to the arrival of outside emergency medical assistance. This addition is consistent with current Board policy that allows for the waiver of registration fees for EMS courses that support the mission of the State Highway Patrol, another division of NCDPS.

- **Courses with a CJC prefix (i.e., Criminal Justice courses), including but not limited to, planning and response to critical incidents, have been added to the approved list for municipal, county, and state Emergency Management personnel.**

NC Emergency Management (NCEM) has identified the need for the state’s Emergency Managers and staff to have additional training to prepare them to respond jointly with law enforcement officers and other responders to critical incidents. Most of this training is already offered through college courses with a CJC prefix.

- **The following editorial change has been made:**

- **References to divisions within the NC Department of Public Safety have been updated to reflect wording in current legislation and in the agency's current organizational structure.**

The "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" of the Department of Public Safety has been added to replace previous references to the "Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety," the "Division's Section of Community Corrections," and the "Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety." This change did not affect the substance of any waivers.

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Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers

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Annual Update to the State Board per State Board policy originally approved September 18, 2015

Historical Note: Annual updates have been provided on September 16, 2016; September 15, 2017; October 19, 2018; October 18, 2019; and October 16, 2020.

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>Fire Departments (Military, Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an FIP, EPT, WLF, HAZ, or OSH course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR training. • 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. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>EMS - Emergency Medical Services (Military, Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with EMS, EPT, or OSH course prefixes. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR training. • MED-3200 Critical Care Transport; EME-3500 Emergency Dispatch; FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management; and other courses with an FIP or CJC prefix when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the EMS department necessitate such training. • 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. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>Rescue and Lifesaving Departments, including Emergency Management (Military, Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <p>For Volunteer, Municipal, County, or State Rescue Squad Members and Search and Rescue Team Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid or CPR. • FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management, and other courses with an EMS or FIP course prefix when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the rescue squad necessitate such training.

<p>Rescue and Lifesaving Departments <i>continued</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR <p>For Municipal, County, or State Emergency Management Personnel, including North Carolina National Guard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT <u>or</u> CJC course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid or CPR. • Courses with an HAZ or FIP prefix that are related to Hazardous Materials. • FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management. • <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> <p><u>Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPT-5202, FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management, and courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid or CPR are 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. <p>Rescue and lifesaving personnel whose duty station is on a North Carolina military installation, including the NC National Guard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT prefix and FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management. <p>For other individuals identified in local or state Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT prefix and FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management. <p>For dispatchers/telecommunicators employed by municipal, county or state government or local emergency management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC, EMS, EPT, FIP course prefix; courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid or CPR; EME-3500 Emergency Dispatch; and FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>Law Enforcement Agencies (Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)</p> <p>Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC, EPT, HAZ, or OSH course prefix. • Basic Law Enforcement Training with sponsorship letter from an authorized organization. • Courses with SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR training. • FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management and other courses with an FIP or EMS prefix, and EME-3500 Emergency Dispatch, when such training is

<p>Agencies <i>continued</i></p>	<p>for authorized persons whose duties within the agency necessitate such training.</p> <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) with sponsorship letter from an authorized organization.
<p>Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety, and The Division's Section of Community Corrections The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety</p>	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR. • <u>Courses with an EMS prefix for DAJCC personnel designated to function as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) within the agency.</u> • FIP-4711 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for eligible employees identified by the Division of Adult Correction DACJJ as needing this training. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety <i>(This section is combined with the section above.)</i></p>	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>Criminal Justice Standards Division of the NC Department of Justice for Administration of the Criminal Justice Fellows Program (CJFP)</p>	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC prefix that align with the provisions of Senate Bill 99/Session Law 2018-5, Appropriations Act of 2018, Section 17.1.(c) and are identified by the Criminal Justice Standards Division of the NC Department of Justice as meeting this purpose. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET)

Relevant excerpt from G.S. 115D-5

(b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is financed primarily from State funds. **The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:**

- (1) Persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools taking courses leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.
- (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.
 - f1. Campus police agencies of private institutions of higher education certified by the Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 74G of the General Statutes.
 - g. The Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety for the training of full-time custodial employees and employees of the Division ~~Division's Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction~~ required to be certified under Article 1 of 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. (Repealed by Session Laws 2017-186, s. 2(hhhh), effective December 1, 2017.) This section is now combined with g above.~~
 - i. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue and lifesaving tribal government departments or programs.
 - j. The Criminal Justice Standards Division of the Department of Justice for the training of criminal justice professionals, as defined in G.S. 17C-20(6), who are required to be certified under (i) Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission or (ii) Chapter 17E of the General Statutes and the rules of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. The waivers provided for in this sub-subdivision apply to participants and recent graduates of the North Carolina Criminal Justice

Fellows Program to obtain certifications for eligible criminal justice professions as defined in G.S. 17C-20(6).

(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.