

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Specialized Training Course List for Waivers Authorized Under G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)

Summary: The State Board is asked to approve the attached specialized course list 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 G.S. 115D-5(b)(2). The State Board is also asked to approve a process for making revisions to this specialized list.

Rationale: Consistent with G.S. 115B-2 and G.S. 115D-5(b), the State Board has the authority to grant waivers of tuition and registration fees for eligible groups, with waivers for public safety entities being granted based on a specialized course list approved by the State Board.

Request: The State Board is asked to approve the attached **Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers** to be maintained by the Finance and Operations Division of the NC Community College System Office (System Office) and documented for reference as part of the *Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Reference Guide*.

Further, the State Board is asked to approve the following process for making revisions to the list:

- A committee consisting of System Office staff will review all requests for revisions to the Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers and make recommendations to the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and the Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer.
- The two Vice Presidents will jointly make a recommendation to the NC Community College System (NCCCS) President who will make the final decision based on authority granted by the State Board through approval of this process.
- If approved by the NCCCS President, the revision will be documented in the *Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Reference Guide*.
- An updated specialized course list will be presented to the State Board on an annual basis.

It is anticipated that the specialized course list and waiver reference guide will require updating as legislative and State Board changes occur and when emerging or changing training needs are identified by colleges as they respond to workforce training requests of local and state public safety agencies.

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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 (Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education:</u></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/CPR training. • Courses with an EMS or CJC prefix and courses with a COD prefix related to Law and Administration or Fire Inspection when such training is for firefighters whose duties within the department necessitate such training. <p><u>Curriculum:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>EMS - Emergency Medical Services (Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with EMS, EPT, or OSH course prefixes. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR training. • MED-3200 Critical Care Transport and 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 is limited to specific topics verified by the SMAT Lead Representative as being part of the SMAT's approved training plan. <p><u>Curriculum:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>Rescue and Lifesaving Departments, including Emergency Management (Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education:</u></p> <p>For Volunteer, Municipal, County, or State Rescue Squad Members:</p>

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<p>Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EMS or FIP course prefix when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the rescue squad necessitate such training. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR <p>For Volunteer, Municipal, County, or State Emergency Management Personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR. • Courses with an HAZ or FIP prefix that are related to Hazardous Materials. • <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>For members of the North Carolina National Guard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT prefix. <p>For other individuals identified in Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT prefix. <p><u>Curriculum:</u></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><u>Continuing Education:</u></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/CPR training. • Courses with an FIP or EMS prefix, when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the agency necessitate such training. <p><u>Curriculum:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Law Enforcement Training 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</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR. • FIP-4711 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for eligible employees identified by the Division of Adult Corrections as needing this training. <p><u>Curriculum:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
<p>Division of Juvenile Justice of the</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC course prefix.

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Department of Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR. <p><u>Curriculum:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None.