

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers Authorized Under G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)
FY 2018-19

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 North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) President to approve revisions and then provide the Board with an annual update. Previous updates were provided to the State Board on September 16, 2016 and September 15, 2017; the update for 2018 is attached.

Summary of Report: Per the approved process, the following revisions were incorporated into the attached *Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers* during the period of September 15, 2017 through October 19, 2018:

- The addition of the Criminal Justice Standards Division of the NC Department of Justice as an eligible organization for the specific purpose of the administration of the new Criminal Justice Fellows Program (CJFP) that was authorized by the Legislature in , Section 17.1.(c) of Session Law 2018-5 as amended in Section 5.1 of Session Law 2018-97 . This new law included the rewrite of G.S. 115D-5(b) to add subsection G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)j that authorized this waiver. (See Attached References.)
- The addition of FIP-7000 Traffic Incident Management to the list of eligible training for the following organizations listed in the *Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers*: Emergency Medical Services, Rescue and Lifesaving Departments, including Emergency Management, and Law Enforcement Agencies.
- The addition of “courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid or CPR” to the list of eligible training for the members of the state’s Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) that are listed under Rescue and Lifesaving Departments, including Emergency Management.

REFERENCES

G.S. 115D-5(b)(2):

"(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:

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- (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:

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- i. The Division of Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards of 10 the Department of Justice for the training of criminal justice 11 professionals, as defined in G.S. 17C-20(6), who are required to be 12 certified under (i) Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of 13 the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission or (ii) 14 Chapter 17E of the General Statutes and the rules of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission."

G.S. 17C-20(6): "Eligible criminal justice professions. – State and local sworn law enforcement officers, State correctional officers, other correctional officers maintained by local governments and juvenile justice agencies, sworn sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, detention officers, and telecommunicators under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency."

Specialized Course List for Public Safety Waivers

October 19, 2018

Annual Update to the State Board per State Board policy approved September 18, 2015.
Revisions/additions approved by the System President per this policy are **highlighted** below.

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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid <u>or</u> CPR <p>For 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 <u>or</u> 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>For Volunteer Emergency Management Personnel:</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, &</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.

<p>Municipal, County, or State)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 for authorized persons whose duties within the agency necessitate such training. <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</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. • FIP-4711 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for eligible employees identified by the Division of Adult Correction 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</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)

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