

State Board of Community Colleges
Combined Course Library - Continuing Education

New Course Approvals, Modifications, and Tier Designations

The State Board is asked to approve the following course for placement in the Combined Course Library (CCL).

Request #1 of 1 (New Request)

Course ID	Course Title	Recommended Hours	Program Area	Tier Designation
EMS-3061	Mobile Integrated Health Care (Community Based Paramedicine)	96	L15 – Emergency Medical Services	3

Rationale:

- This course is designed for current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and ambulance service personnel to expand their skills and career opportunities and make a profound difference in the communities where they work. This program will train students to help individuals overcome barriers to accessing and benefiting from health service; serve as advocates, facilitators, liaisons and resource coordinators; provide appropriate care for emergencies, evaluation, triage, disease management and mental health; as well as prevention; and mentor and empower residents, communities and health care systems to achieve positive outcomes and reach optimal wellness. The course specific needs will be determined from the conduction of a local needs assessment and approved by the local medical director. Upon completion, students will be prepared to return to their local agency for additional training to be eligible for one of two designations-- Community Based Paramedic (CBP) or Advanced Practice Paramedic (APP).
- According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, community paramedicine is an organized system of services, based on local need, provided by emergency medical technicians and paramedics, which is integrated into the local or regional health care system and overseen by emergency and primary care physicians.
- Community paramedicine is a supplement to the traditional EMS response model and bridges both community health service and EMS coverage gaps. Many different organizations and groups are working on projects to further explore and develop the concept of community paramedicine
- The goal of MIHC is to address the shortage of healthcare professionals and resources in remote and rural areas of the state and country. A shortage that has been nationally recognized and noted to need special focus. This program offers the opportunity for the hands on and clinical training of qualified health care professionals to be placed in these roles, in the rural areas of the state and country.
- The program will not replace the current providers in practice but will better prepare them to serve the needs of their areas, giving them advanced practice knowledge. The education and expanded knowledge base they receive will allow for a better quality of life, for patients in rural and poverty areas, and aid in the reduction of medical cost and hospital admittance.

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