

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 courses for placement in the Combined Course Library (CCL).

Request #1 of 3 New Requests (Emergency Medical Technician Certifications)

| Course ID | Course Title | Recommended Hours | Program Area | Tier Designation |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| EMS-3201 | Transition: Medical Responder to an Emergency Medical Responder | 10 | L15-Emergency Medical Services | 3 |
| EMS-3202 | Transition: Emergency Medical Technician-Basic to an Emergency Medical Technician | 20 | L15-Emergency Medical Services | 3 |
| EMS-3203 | Transition: Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I) to an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) | 30 | L15-Emergency Medical Services | 3 |
| EMS-3204 | Transition: Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) to a Paramedic | 40 | L15-Emergency Medical Services | 3 |

Rationale:

- These courses support state and national efforts to transition credentialed EMS personnel from the National Standard Curriculum to the National Education Standards in compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) “EMS Education Agenda for the Future.” All courses must comply with current NC Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) guidance.

Request #2 of 3 Course Modification (Firefighter Certification)

| Course ID | Course Title | Recommended Hours | Program Area | Tier Designation |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| FIP-3000 | Firefighter I&II HAZMAT Block (Fire Academy) | From 347 to 458 | R30-Fire & Rescue Services | 2 |

Rationale:

- This request is a proposed revision to increase the hours of the current FIP-3411 block certification course to include hours for an academy-style physical training component, as well as hours for the three new topics of Health & Wellness, Safety & Survival, and Mayday mandated by the Fire and Rescue Commission as part of the state’s revised Firefighter Certification Program, effective January 1, 2015.

Request # 3 of 3 New Request (Zipline Guide Certification)

| Course ID | Course Title | Recommended Hours | Program Area | Tier Designation |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| HOS-4050 | Zipline Guide Training | 40 | T75-Service | 3 |

Rationale:

- This course is designed to provide the necessary skills to work and lead guests as a zipline guide. Topics will include equipment use, course elements, ziplining, tandem ziplining, braking, tour pacing, trip management, rescue and extrication, emergency preparedness and course/equipment safety inspections. Upon completion, students will be prepared to sit for the Association for Challenge Course Technology Practitioner certification exam.
- Challenge Courses are an increasingly popular component of the heavy tourism industry in Western North Carolina. There are approximately 15 zipline canopy tour operations within a 2-hour drive of Blue Ridge Community College’s Flat Rock campus. Each zipline canopy tour course employs between 15 and 60 guides, depending on the size and popularity of their facility. These companies employ an estimated 450 to 480 guides collectively. Guides are paid \$10 to \$14 per hour plus tips, which typically equal the hourly rate of pay. Turnover for these jobs runs up to 85% per year as guides frequently work in different locations around the country (and the world) from year to year.

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