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MCC EMS-Paramedic Program expands to train more students, meeting workforce needs

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MESA, Arizona – Nov. 1, 2017 -- Mesa Community College invests in new equipment and enhances learning space of its acclaimed Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Program for the spring semester, starting Jan. 13, 2018.



In response to high and increasing demand for paramedics, MCC offers both an Associate Degree of Applied Science and a Certificate of Completion Programs in Paramedicine. Upon completion, students are eligible to sit for their National Registry certification cognitive and psychomotor examinations.

MCC's 10-year, first-time paramedic exam pass rate is a 97 percent, according to the 2016 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. The program is named one of the nation's best by AccreditedSchoolsOnline.org.

"The college's investment in our program, raising our capacity to offer training to an additional 30 students during the spring semester, will help meet the need for the additional paramedic first responders vital to our communities," said Sean Newton, chair and occupational program director for the MCC Paramedic Program. "Our paramedic students are trained at a very high competency level to function in high stress, emergent situations under the direct supervision of an industry partner instructor."

Successful paramedic students complete 244 hours of clinical rotation at 12 area hospitals, participate in a 500-hour field internship with local fire or EMS service providers through partnerships with 20 community organizations, and meet for instruction and lab sessions twice weekly throughout the 11-month program.

MCC is one of four Maricopa Community Colleges providing accredited paramedic training. The other colleges are Glendale Community College, Paradise Valley Community College and Phoenix College.

Information about MCC's Paramedic program is available online at mesacc.edu/programs/paramedic (<https://www.mesacc.edu/programs/paramedic>). Spring registration is open, visit mesacc.edu/spring (<https://www.mesacc.edu/spring>) to apply for admission.

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The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is a programmatic postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA (<http://www.chea.org/>)) and carries out its accrediting activities in cooperation with 23 review Committees on Accreditation (<https://caahep.org/About-CAAHEP/Committees-on-Accreditation.aspx>). CAAHEP currently accredits more than 2100 entry level education programs in 30 health science professions. CAAHEP, a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization, was formed in 1994. Its predecessor organization was the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA). CAHEA was part of the American Medical Association (AMA).

Mesa Community College is nationally recognized for service-learning, career and technical programs, civic engagement and innovative approaches to education. The college serves as a resource for career readiness, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning. Host to 30,000 students annually, MCC

offers more than 195 degree and certificate programs at its two campuses and additional locations. MCC is an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution with a diverse student body that enriches the learning experience. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to compete locally and globally. MCC, located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, is one of the 10 colleges that comprise the Maricopa County Community College District. For additional information, visit mesacc.edu (<http://mesacc.edu/>).

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (NCA) <http://www.ncahlc.org> (<http://www.ncahlc.org/>)

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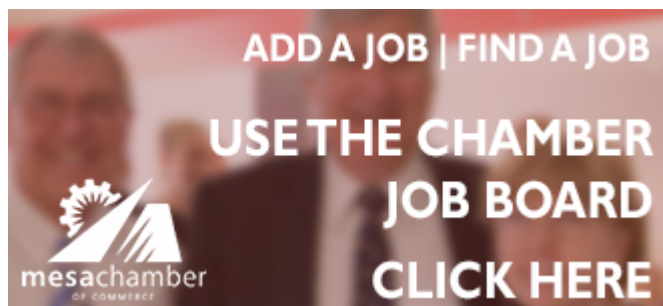
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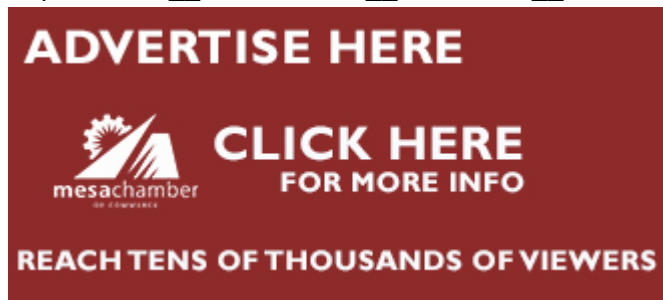
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