

Paramedicine professionals may specialize in advanced life support or maintain licensure with new MCC courses

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MESA, Arizona -- Dec. 15, 2020 -- Mesa Community College Paramedicine Education program announces the inaugural offering of a Critical Care Paramedicine Course, preparing certified paramedicine professionals to earn Critical Care and Flight Paramedicine certifications; and a Paramedicine Refresher, providing continuing education to maintain professional competencies and certification standards. The initial offerings of both courses begins January 2021.

“MCC has worked diligently to create an engaging and comprehensive evidence-based, best practice Critical Care Paramedicine Course taught by a collaborative of regional healthcare industry professionals and leaders,” said Sean Newton, Director of Paramedicine Education at MCC. “We are very excited to partner with Dignity Health to provide the specialized internship training and hands-on experience needed to prepare paramedics to provide critical care advanced life support for members of our community.”



The Critical Care Paramedicine certificate of completion (CCL) course provides the knowledge, skills and abilities to synthesize standard of care and expanded scope of practice with comprehensive assessment, diagnostic technology, patient advocacy, ethical and professional behaviors. The course also trains students to practice patient-centered, evidence-based paramedicine in the clinical, out-of-hospital, and inter-facility transport settings.

Nationally registered paramedics are required to renew their certification every two years. The Paramedicine Refresher Course provides the necessary continuing education to meet this requirement.

The MCC Paramedicine Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP).

Learn more about MCC Paramedicine Programs and these new courses at [mesacc.edu/paramedicine](https://www.mesacc.edu/paramedicine) (<https://www.mesacc.edu/departments/fire-science-emt/paramedicine-programs>), or by calling the Program Director, Sean Newton, at 480-461-7892.

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The MCC Paramedicine Program is approved as a Paramedic Education Program under CAAHEP / CoAEMSP LoR Program #600752 & Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Trauma and Emergency Medical Services ALS Training Program Certificate Holder #450311. Please visit the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (<http://www.caahep.org/>) to verify MCC's accreditation status.

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 by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the United States and is known 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 more than 30,000 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs online and at its two campuses and additional locations. Through the implementation of Guided Pathways with Integrated Support Services, MCC is transforming ways it champions student success; college completion, university transfer and career attainment for all students. MCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution with a diverse student body, including more than 400 international students representing over 60 countries, who enrich campus learning experiences. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training to empower MCC students to compete locally and globally. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, MCC is one of the 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Learn more at mesacc.edu (<http://mesacc.edu/>).

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) (<https://www.hlcommission.org/>).

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