

MCCC Launches Paramedic Degree, Certificate Programs in Bedford



Monroe County Community College has launched new degree and certificate programs to be offered at its Bedford location to prepare future paramedics, Helen Stripling, dean of the Health Sciences Division, has announced.

The programs will be housed at the MCCC's Bedford location, the Whitman Center, at 7777 Lewis Ave. in Temperance. The location is also home to MCCC's Emergency Medical Technician Certificate Program and offers numerous credit and non-credit classes and other services.

Students can apply for enrollment in the programs for the 2026-27 academic year, which begins August 26.

The new Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paramedic Program takes 5 semesters to complete, while the new Paramedic Certificate Program is 3 semesters in length.

Paramedics are allied health professionals who function as part of a comprehensive emergency medical services response, performing interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on

an ambulance, Stripling said. In order to become a paramedic, you first have to become an emergency medical technician. An EMT requires less training and cost than becoming a paramedic. Upon successful completion of either the Paramedic degree or certificate program at MCCC, students will be eligible to sit for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedic Certification Exam.

According to the Michigan Department of Labor and Opportunity, a paramedic is classified as a high-demand and high-wage job through 2032 that requires a postsecondary certificate or moderate-term training. There are 150 projected annual paramedic openings in Michigan with an average hourly wage of \$22-\$27 per hour. Projected growth through 2032 is 3.6% in the state.

Both the degree and certificate programs are selective admissions programs, said Shawn McBride, director of emergency medical services. To be admitted, applicants must possess a current, unrestricted EMT license or higher or have completed a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services-approved EMT program and be eligible to sit for the National Registry of Medical Technicians Certification Exam. In the latter case, certification and licensure must be completed prior to completing the Paramedic degree or certificate program at MCCC. In addition, prospective students must complete The Human Body (HLTSC-170) or Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL-257) or equivalent course prior to admission.

"Students who do not meet these requirements but would still like to eventually become a paramedic can enroll in MCCC's EMT Certificate Program, which is two semesters in length and prepares students to provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical services system," he said.



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The MCCC Paramedic Program has been issued a Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions. This letter is not a CAAHEP accreditation status; it is a status signifying that a program seeking initial accreditation has demonstrated sufficient compliance with the accreditation standards through the Letter of Review Self-Study Report and other documentation. Letter of Review is recognized by the

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for eligibility to take the National Registry's Paramedic credentialing examination(s). However, it is NOT a guarantee of eventual accreditation.

For more information, go to www.monroecc.edu/paramedic or contact McBride at MCCC's Whitman Center at (734) 457-6057 or smcbride@monroecc.edu.

14 Credit Classes Offered at the Whitman Center this Fall

By Mya Snow

Monroe County Community College is offering 14 credit classes at the Whitman Center this Fall Semester, which begins Aug. 26, and registration is currently underway.

The Fall Semester Whitman Center schedule for credit classes is below.

Monday through Friday

Emergency Medical Technician I, 7:30-9 a.m. This introductory course includes foundational material that supports prehospital emergency medicine.

Monday

First-year Experience: Health, 2:30-3:25 p.m., Hybrid course.

This course aims to help health sciences students develop study skills and resilience by providing an open forum for discussion that fosters self-awareness and a sense of purpose.

Intro to Business, 6-7:52 p.m., Hybrid course. This course surveys the field of business, including environmental aspects, organization, marketing and sales promotion, production, personnel, labor relations and finance.

Monday and Wednesday

General Psychology, 4-5:20 p.m., Hybrid course. This course provides an overview of major subject areas in psychological science.

Intro to Business, 9-10:52 a.m., Hybrid course.

Intro to Cultural Anthropology, 12:30-1-50 p.m. This course provides the conceptual and methodological tools necessary to understand the diversity of human lifeways on a global basis.

Paramedic I, 9:30-11:20 a.m. Materials cover public health, therapeutic communications, critical thinking skills, pathophysiology, medical terminology, pharmacology, airway management and patient assessments.

Paramedic I Lab, Noon-3:50 p.m. This is the first lab for the Paramedic Program.

Tuesday

First Aid and Safety, 2-3:50 p.m. This class explains and contextualizes typical accidents, illness and injuries that may occur



anywhere. Students learn CPR, choking, AED and first aid/safety for all ages.

Tuesday and Thursday

Cardiac Electrophysiology, Noon-1:30 p.m. This course provides an in-depth exploration of electrocardiographic principles and clinical interpretation.

Emergency Medical Technician I, 5-9 p.m.

Essential Math for College, 4-5:50 p.m. Hybrid course. This class involves linear equations, polynomials, exponents, factoring, rational expressions and equations, radicals, quadratic functions, and exponential and logarithmic equations.

First-year College Success, 5:30-6:50 p.m. This course focuses on helping students develop successful study skills by providing an open forum for discussion that promotes self-awareness and a sense of belonging and purpose.

Intro to Computer Information Systems, 9-10:52 a.m., Hybrid course. This course provides students with basic knowledge of computer information systems.

The Human Body, 9:30-10:55 a.m. This foundational course offers an integrated exploration of human anatomy and physiology with a focus on how the body functions in both health and disease.

Thursday

Principles of Management, 5-6:52 p.m., Hybrid course, Room 10. The course delves into management, decision-making, leading, communicating, controlling, planning, human resources and organizing.

To enroll, new students should contact the Office of Admissions at (734) 384-4104 or admissions@monroecc.edu. The Whitman Center coordinator, Rebecca Fournier, is available at (734) 457-6021.

Current students may register at www.monroecc.edu/registration.

Sneak Peek at Lifelong Learning Classes Slated for Fall at Whitman Center

Monroe County Community College's Office of Lifelong Learning will offer a number of classes at the Whitman Center this fall. Full details will be available in the summer when the Lifelong Learning Schedule is mailed to all households in Monroe County and posted at www.monroecc.edu.

Learn to Play Guitar. Begins September 30.

Puppy Training/Good Manner Class. Begins November 5.

AKC Canine Good Citizen/Therapy Dog Prep. Begins November 5.

Unleash Your Creativity: Process-Based Art Exploration for Adults. Begins October 12.

Yoga. Begins September 14.

Basic Soils and Soil Testing. Meets on September 22.

Pesticide Training Review. Meets on December 17.

Turf Pesticide Training and Review Class. Meets on November 19.

Karst Educational Bus Tour. Tentative date of October 30.

Introduction to the American Tree Farm System. Meets on October 13.

For more information, contact the Office of Lifelong Learning at (734) 384-4127.



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WHITMAN CENTER UPDATE

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New Signage: Whitman Center at MCCC-Bedford

Monroe County Community College's Board of Trustees recently named the location on which the Whitman Center facility sits "Monroe County Community College-Bedford."

The Whitman Center facility name remains the same.

The signage at the location was recently updated to reflect this change.

Services Provided at the Whitman Center at MCCC-Bedford

For credit programming, part time counselors are available at the Whitman Center for advising purposes during scheduled hours and

as needed, and other student services offered on Main Campus are accessible remotely. A variety of credit classes are offered on-site, as well as MCCC's Emergency Medical Technician Certificate Program and Paramedic Certificate and Associate Degree programs.

Non-credit personal enrichment courses and career/workforce training sessions are also offered at the Whitman Center, which is available for public use by reservation through the college's facilities rental process. The Monroe County Intermediate School District's Transition Services are also available at the Whitman Center.

