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State approves MCC to offer licensed insurance provider curriculum

OMAHA, Neb.—The Nebraska Department of Insurance has approved Metropolitan Community College to offer the courses necessary to become a licensed insurance provider, making MCC the only accredited academic institution in Nebraska to meet this standard in providing this curriculum.

The approval means MCC students who take either of the two state-approved courses will have the opportunity to sit for the appropriate exam required to become a licensed insurance provider, specifically the *Consultant's Examination for Life and Health Insurance* and the *Property and Casualty Insurance Examination*.

"This is very exciting news for MCC students," said Daryl Hansen, dean of business. "MCC students have the opportunity to complete these courses on campus or online. For individuals seeking to move into a new career, this is an opportunity to do so in a relatively short period of time from their own home or office."

The state-approved curriculum can also be combined with other courses to lead to a certificate or an associate degree.

"This is a wonderful expansion of the dual purpose of existing areas of curriculum," said Dr. Lori Lothringer, financial planning program director. "Many people are not aware that MCC has more state-approved and nationally certified courses in finance, financial planning, financial counseling, insurance and real estate than any other educational institution in Nebraska. Most of these courses are also available online and lead to degrees, diplomas and certificates in these growing disciplines."

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.