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**Fire science program receives national recognition**

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College's Fire Science Technology program has received National Fire Academy recognition for excellence in education. Part of the U.S. Fire Administration, the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education recognition certificate is an acknowledgement that the program meets the standards of excellence established by professional development committees and the National Fire Academy. MCC's program is one of only two in Nebraska to have achieved this recognition.

"This pinnacle in recognition demonstrates the ongoing work of fire science technology faculty to deliver quality instruction," said Stacey Ocander, dean of health and public services. "This is another step in our efforts to produce qualified leaders and graduates prepared to improve the quality of fire and emergency services in our community."

The FESHE recognition acknowledges accredited institutions that promote the standardization of fire science course titles, descriptions and outcomes across the nation. To achieve this national recognition, institutions must provide a six-course model fire science curriculum in their associate or baccalaureate programs. As a recognized institution, MCC will be able to provide participating students with a National Fire Academy Certificate of Completion for each course they complete. The certificate will tie a graduate's degree to a nationally recognized standard of education and achievement.

MCC offers an associate in applied science degree in fire science technology. The program enrolls about 150 students annually in classes that provide the knowledge, tools and practical experience to perform firefighting duties as safely and effectively as possible.

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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.