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### **State approval for College's EMS training agency**

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College's Emergency Medical Services training agency has received approval from the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services. The state approval allows the College to continue teaching as an approved state of Nebraska training agency for all emergency medical services classes.

In order to be approved, an agency must meet several requirements. The agency must be an accredited community college that awards an academic degree to graduates, utilize instructors who hold a license at or above the level of the discipline they are teaching, and have written agreements with physicians, hospitals and field sites to serve as a training agency. Additionally, an agency must provide adequate facilities and equipment to pass an on-site inspection.

"The College's training agency has been in place for many years. We have tremendous facilities, and this state approval affirms our mission to offer quality, affordable education to students who are pursuing training in the emergency medical services field," said Peggy Dean, emergency management program director at MCC.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, 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 unique credit and noncredit students.