

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



CCM Launches Paramedic Program to Meet Growing Demand Graduates Will Be Eligible to Gain Certification and National License

To meet a growing demand for paramedics to respond to healthcare emergencies on the scene, CCM will be offering a Paramedic Science Program to prepare individuals for state certification and national licensing.

The Paramedic Science Program will begin with the 2021 Spring Semester. The program aligns with the National EMS Education Standards and Scope of Practice to provide students with a curriculum relevant to current day needs and situations. To provide students with realistic, hands-on learning in a safe environment, they will work with high-fidelity simulators prior to entering clinical and field rotations.

Students who complete the program, earning an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, will be eligible to obtain a National Registry paramedic license and New Jersey paramedic certification.

Paramedics respond to emergency calls, perform certain medical services and transport patients to medical facilities. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the demand for paramedics will grow faster than average.

There are two phases to the Paramedic Science Program at CCM: pre-professional and professional. The program is a competitive based admissions program. A separate application is required for acceptance into the professional phase, where students take part in clinical and field rotations. Acceptance is based on grades achieved in the pre-professional phase. An advanced placement sequence is available for currently certified New Jersey paramedics who would like to complete an AAS degree.

The CCM Paramedic Science 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 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs 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. The Letter of Review is recognized by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for eligibility to take the NREMT's paramedic credentialing examinations. However, it is not a guarantee of eventual accreditation.

To learn more about the program, go to <http://bit.ly/CCMParamedic/>.

CCM EVENTS

[Heroes and Healers](#)

November 7, 10 a.m. – noon

[We Are Not Done Yet: Poetry and PTSD Awareness](#)

November 10, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

[Admissions Virtual Open House](#)

November 14

Campus Offices Closed:

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25 to November 29

Winter Break:

December 24 to January 6

STUDENT SERVICES

Computer Lab for Students

www.waitlist.me/w/computerlab

The Library

[In-Person and Remote Service](#)

Online Tutoring Center

For more information, click [here](#).

HR CORNER

RETIREMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED VENDORS

Save for retirement –

Receive free, no pressure retirement counseling sessions. Make your appointment today. You do not need to be a member to speak with the representatives.

Equitable representative Mark Sheridan is available at all 908-230-2042 or email marc.sheridan@axa-advisors.com.

MassMutual (formerly Hartford) representative Kenneth Quarnaccio is available at 848-248-4313 or email kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com.

MetLife/Brighthouse representative David Sharpe is available at 973-575-3254 or email dsharpe@financialguide.com.

Prudential
Call 732-428-2314 or email alicia.smith@prudential.com to make an individual appointment to discuss ABP or DCRP investments.

Payroll Submission



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday closing, the Payroll department is requiring that all Department Summary Timesheets (PTAA) be submitted to payroll@ccm.edu by the end of the workday on

Wednesday, November 18, or first thing Thursday morning, November 19. This is necessary to process the payroll in time for the December 3 pay date. The schedule is tight and all employees must meet this deadline. Any payroll not submitted on time will not be paid until December 17.

Part-time employees and student workers using Self-Service Time entry should submit time worked on or before Wednesday, November 18, for supervisor approval. Supervisors are required to approve Self-Service submitted timesheets following the same schedule as manual timesheets, with submission no later than first thing Thursday morning, November 19.

Contact payroll@ccm.edu if you have any questions.



CCM Musical "Big Fish"

Congratulations to the Department of Music, Performing Arts and Music Technologies for working through the obstacles of a pandemic to provide the community with an outstanding performance of "Big Fish." The performers were stellar even while wearing masks to conform to COVID prevention guidelines. All who made this show possible deserve a huge round of applause.

If you were not able to see the performance, you can view it at <https://youtu.be/a8JELjYBec4/>.

Faculty Spotlight



Teaching Students How to Live Life Well through the Study of Finance

Vinay Ved, professor of finance at CCM, had a successful career as a partner with a prominent institutional equity management firm, but wanted something else. When he started teaching as an adjunct professor at several major universities, Ved found what he wanted to accomplish in what he refers to as his second chapter in life.

"I was dabbling in being a teacher and fell in love with it," he says. "I love the idea that I can help to shape a generation. As a teacher, I can guide a generation in finding the right way to live."

The world of finance is a very disciplined one. It's not just about making and managing money, it's about setting goals and being disciplined about moving toward them. It also teaches people how to deal with setbacks and losses and still not lose their way, says Ved.

"Developing your financial knowledge and literacy will change your ability to manage life itself," he says. "Finance is very disciplined and when you make your first bad investment, you learn quick, fast and painfully. It teaches you that while life will force you to make many unexpected right and left turns that doesn't matter as long as you keep moving toward your goal."

At CCM, his students and other students in the Department of Business learn that life lesson by taking part in an Investment Challenge Ved oversees each year. In that challenge, which typically draws 300 participants, students are presented with \$100,000 in pretend money to invest in the stock market. Those who do best are presented with prize money with the first place winner receiving \$250.

In spring 2020, his Investment Principles class was taking part in a similar challenge when COVID-19 arrived in the U.S. [Read more.](#)

Temperature Screening Update



Now that CCM has been conducting temperature screenings for several weeks, an adjustment is being made for the LRC and HH, starting Monday, November 2. Based on observations of traffic flow at those buildings, people wishing to enter the LRC or HH will now be screened in the SCC at the statue entrance. They will receive an "I Was Screened" sticker to wear. Stickers will be color coded based on the day of the week and dated. Signage will be in place to direct people. For the first week, a Public Safety Officer will be posted by the LRC and HH to provide guidance. Public Safety officers also will be available to screen anyone with special circumstances, such as those with accessibility concerns or who need special assistance or are carrying large packages. The screening process in the Academic Complex and other buildings will remain unchanged.



For Your Spooky Viewing Pleasure

A horror/sci-fi movie marathon, "Frightfest," will be airing on the college's public access channels on Halloween. The marathon begins at 12 a.m. on Halloween and will continue for 24 hours. CCM-TV can be found in Morris County on FiOS channel 40 and in most of the surrounding areas on Optimum channel 77.

Tune in and watch some really bad films!



Native American History Month

The Commemoration Committee will hold an event on Thursday, November 12, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom for American Indian History Month. Dr. Jill Schennum, chair of the Sociology, Economics and Anthropology department, will present on "The Politics of Archaeology and Native Americans."

"Native Americans have long-held suspicions of archaeologists, as in the past social scientists used their expert knowledge to legitimize the displacement and genocide of Native American peoples," says Schennum. "Native American bones and artifacts were often used to 'prove' the inferiority of indigenous peoples to support a narrative of the civilizing effect of white settlers and to represent American Indians as a 'people without history.' Native Americans fought hard to regain control over the bones of their ancestors and their cultures' sacred artifacts. They managed to pass the National Grave Protection and Repatriation Act, legislation that protects and repatriates sacred artifacts and Native American bones. This talk explores the importance of this law and exciting collaborative projects that can be implemented through indigenous archaeology."

RSVP: commemoration@ccm.edu

Brighten the Holidays for Families and Children

Table of Hope will be holding a special Thanksgiving food distribution event at CCM on Saturday, November 21, and would like to provide a turkey for every family that comes that day. To make a cash donation to help make that possible, go to www.springstreetcdc.org and put Turkey Drive-TOH in the memo section.

The college also will be collecting toys for a Christmas distribution event. New, unopened toys can be dropped off at CCM's Public Safety department near Parking Lot 10 through November 20.



Some members from CCM's League of Legends team got together the other day to discuss some highlights from one of their matches. Watch [here](#).

TIAA representative Tatiana Novozhilova is available at 800-732-8353 or visit www.TIAA.org/schedulenow to make an appointment.

TIAA is offering virtual meetings through Adobe Connect which allows employees to follow along as representatives work with them to navigate their investments. If you need to schedule or change an appointment, please go to

<https://shared.tiaa.org/public/publictools/events/virtualsections?eventPIanID=1-9ZR044V/>.

VALIC representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. Call 908-470-4114 or email Maryann.bradford@valic.com

VOYA representative John Murray is available for individual appointments.

To make an appointment email johnhmurray@voyafa.com or call 609-234-3369.

NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to both Kathleen Brunet at kbrunet@ccm.edu and Theresa Gehring at tgehring@ccm.edu.

Submissions must be received by 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Looking for past issues of the CCMemo? [Find them here.](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

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