



NCCC Workforce Development trains National Guard members to be EMTs

The New York State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services requested Niagara County Community College (NCCC) Workforce Development conduct a pilot educational program to help train part of the 500-600 new emergency medical technicians in order to help relieve the current burden on health care facilities across the state. An ambitious goal was met in conducting 15-20 courses throughout the state, which were taught in an academy-style class completed in a 30-day time period. Half of the classes were to be open to all New Yorkers who qualify, with the second half offered to train National Guard members.

In responding to this need, NCCC collaborated with the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base to train National Guard members on site. The class began on Jan. 19 and finished Feb. 17. The class graduated 24 students who successfully completed the course and passed the state practical skills exam.

The class consisted of 160 classroom hours, along with 10 patient scenarios. Members of the class will now be deployed across the state in providing relief personnel support to areas with the greatest need.

To learn more about Workforce Development classes at NCCC, visit <https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/wd/>.

Pictured are the student graduates from the 107th New York Air National Guard and associated leadership, representatives from the New York State Department of Health, course instructors and members of Niagara County Community College administration. (NCCC photo)



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