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College of the Siskiyous Announces Inaugural Bachelor of Science Program in Paramedicine

Weed, CA – In an exciting development for higher education in Northern California, College of the Siskiyous has announced its first-ever Bachelor of Science program in Paramedicine. This groundbreaking program, set to commence in fall 2025, marks a significant milestone for the college and an exceptional opportunity for students pursuing careers in emergency medical services (EMS).

The Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine at College of the Siskiyous is designed to prepare students for advanced roles in the EMS field, focusing on developing leadership, critical thinking, and clinical skills beyond the traditional paramedic scope. The program aims to equip graduates with the knowledge and abilities to not only excel in high-pressure medical situations but also to assume managerial and educational roles within the EMS community.

A Curriculum Geared Towards the Future of EMS

Developed in collaboration with emergency services experts, the curriculum encompasses a broad range of subjects, including advanced cardiology, abnormal psychology for first responders, EMS management and continuous quality improvement, and EMS leadership. The program also emphasizes the importance of evidence-based practice and research in paramedicine, preparing students to contribute to the field's body of knowledge.

"This bachelor's program is a response to the evolving demands of the rural healthcare sector and the increasing complexity of pre-hospital care," said Dr. Char Perlas, Superintendent/President of College of the Siskiyous. "Our goal is to advance the profession of paramedicine and provide our community and beyond with highly skilled, compassionate, and innovative healthcare leaders."

Expanding Opportunities for EMS Professionals

The launch of the Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine is expected to open new pathways for career advancement within the EMS field. Graduates of the program will be well-positioned for roles such as EMS directors, paramedic educators, and leaders in emergency response organizations. Moreover, the program's focus on research and evidence-based practice will enable graduates to contribute to the ongoing development and improvement of EMS systems.

The program is structured to accommodate both full-time students and working professionals, with flexible scheduling options and online coursework to ensure accessibility for all interested candidates. College of the Siskiyous is the only public institution in California to offer this Baccalaureate program.

About College of the Siskiyous

Established in 1957, College of the Siskiyous is a renowned community college offering a wide range of academic and vocational programs. Known for its commitment to excellence in education and its beautiful main campus at the base of Mount Shasta in far northern California, the College serves students from across Siskiyou County and beyond. With the addition of the Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine, College of the Siskiyous continues to expand its offerings and reinforce its role as a pivotal institution for higher learning in Northern California.

For more information about the Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine program and application details, contact the Career and Technical Education Department at cteinfo@siskiyous.edu. The Weed Campus can also be reached by calling toll-free (888) 397-4339 or view the CTE website at www.siskiyous.edu/cte/.