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March County College Week registration is open

Registration is open for County College Week, March 23-27 at the NMSU Las Cruces campus. The 12-session, 24-class curriculum offerings include 10 classes from the Certified Public Official requirements list, making it a great opportunity to progress toward certification. A total of 22 classes from the CPM catalog are being offered during the 12 sessions. Students seeking advisement on academic progress should contact Terry Canup at tcanup@nmsu.edu. He can review your County College records and recommend classes for your next step in certification. To review March offerings and register, go to: <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/ces/countycollege/>

On-line registration is open until March 16.

On-line credit card use available for March registration

For the first time, County College registration payment can be handled via secure on-line credit-/procurement-card use to expedite your registration.

County College Week Pass gives you 12 classes for one price

County College students can get the most out of the March County College Week by buying a *County College Week Pass* at the registration site. The *Pass* gives students access to all 12 sessions. A student attending 12 classes on the County College Week Pass will get a 45% discount. The *County College Week Pass* delivers a discount to anyone taking more than six classes. Those taking classes through their affiliates during March County College Week can be covered for those classes by their *County College Week Pass*.

One-time enrollment fee scholarship for first 30 new students

The first 30 new students to register for a minimum of three classes on our on-line registration site for March County College Week will receive a scholarship to cover the one-time academic enrollment fee of \$50. The fee is covered by the New Mexico Mutual Casualty Company Scholarship.

Limited individual scholarships offered

Individuals who would like to apply for individual scholarship support may apply by sending the following: 1) A statement of goals they seek to achieve through County College (certification, etc.) and; 2) a statement of what support they expect from their employer to attend County College

classes. Send your application to countycollege@nmsu.edu by Feb. 25. You must be a currently enrolled County College student to qualify. The scholarship is covered by the New Mexico Mutual Casualty Company.

Affiliates co-locating meetings with March County College Week

Some NMAC affiliates expressed interest in co-locating their spring affiliate meetings in Las Cruces in conjunction with County College Week. The Assessors and Health Care affiliates already have plans underway to meet in Gerald Thomas Hall on campus. If you are a member, check your schedule with theirs.

Parking to be free and plentiful, but requires e-permit

Spring break will make parking easy for County College Week students, but a free weekly permit will be required. It can be printed from the Web and the link to the permit site is: <http://www.campusvisitor.com/>

Classes held in Gerald Thomas Hall

All classes for March County College Week will be held in Gerald Thomas Hall on the West end of campus. A link to a campus map is on the registration site.

Activity Center and pool expected to be open County College Week

March 23-27 is spring break week at NMSU, but the University Natatorium is expected to be open for sun-bathing and swimming in heated waters. Exact spring break hours are still being determined by the university. For those interested in using the workout facility at NMSU, the hours for the University Activity Center during County College Week will be 11am-2pm. Users will be charged a fee of \$5.

Close-by hotels offer government rates

Here is a list of some hotels close to NMSU that offer government rates:

- Comfort Inn ---575-527-2000

Comfort Suites – 575-522-1300

Holiday Inn Express – 575-527-9947

Quality Inn and Suites – 575-524-4663

Ramada Palms – 575-526-4411

Sleep Inn – 575-522-1700

Super 8 – 575-523-8695

The following hotel will offer an NMSU rate for County College students:

- Spring Hill Suites – 575-541-8887

There is also a Motel 6 nearby – 575-525-1010

June County College Day at NMAC Annual Meeting planned

Six classes during three class session periods are planned for County College Day in June in Hobbs. Three classes from the Certified Public Official requirements list will be offered: CPM 111-- *Knowing your government*, CPM 113-- *Knowing the law I*, and CPM 139 – *Creating an ethical culture*. Three classes from the Certified Public Supervisor requirements list will be offered: CPM 132—*Eliminating discrimination in the workplace*, CPM 137—*Discipline and termination* and CPM 236 – *Successful supervision*. These CPS classes can also be used as electives toward a CPO designation. In addition, affiliates are already working with County College to arrange classes during affiliate sessions.

Student expectations outlined

County College is subject to accreditation standards of the National Certified Public Manager Consortium and to standards expected for the awarding of NMSU Continuing Education Units. It is important that we assure that County College classes are quality learning experiences that warrant the awarding of credits toward certification. Students are expected to:

1. Sign in for class
2. Attend the entire class session
3. Complete assignments, including learning-measure tests

Students who do not do the above will not be awarded credit for the class. Students unable to fulfill these requirements on class days, should check in with the registration desk to arrange to apply their tuition fee to a future class.