



Merritt College Counseling Department

Counselor Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2014

Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance: McLean, Khoo, Allen, Scurry, Zielke, Pantell, Ilarde, Perez, Nelson. Guests: Demond Simmons, FISCI/EMT

1. **EMT Program Information:** Simmons gave info about EMT course.
  - \*4 different groups of students take it: 1) those who want to be EMTs; 2) those who want to become paramedics and then possibly work in a Fire Department; 3) those interested in a Nursing program; 4) those who want to work in the medical field (physician's assistants, physicians, etc.).
  - \*Need college English level skills (i.e. ENGL 1A) to do well in EMT. Also need EMT to become paramedic to be competitive for fire service in CA. Also very competitive in CA so need at least AA degree and ideally BA.
  - \*Need 2 TB tests (required by Highland Hospital).
  - \*- 25-30% of EMTs are women
  - \*2 options for paramedic: 1) CCCs (i.e. CCSF or Foothill) or 2) private schools (cost about \$15K). Paramedic training about 1200-1300 hours (-30-400 hours clinical training + -600 hours field placement).
  - \*Careers for EMT: work as EMT for ambulance company and earn -\$40K - \$50K per year entry level. Can also work as an EMT for a Fire Department where salaries are higher (-\$80K - \$90K)
2. **Counseling Department SLO Assessment (ASO):** Continued discussion about draft response based on last week's tally of survey results. Pantell will incorporate comments into final document (and into TaskStream).
3. **COUN 200A Scheduling:** Final discussion and scheduling of courses for Summer and Fall. Scurry will submit schedule to Office of Instruction.
4. **Topics:**
  - \*Reminder about responsibility to complete all evaluations due for 13-14 academic year by end of S14 semester
  - \* Pantell announced computer refresh is being scheduled. Gather best times for install & submit to IT staff.
  - \*In response to request for counselor to join CTE Committee, Ron Nelson will serve.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.