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HCC announces spring cannabis training programs

HOLYOKE – The Cannabis Education Center at Holyoke Community College has announced its schedule of industry training programs for the spring 2022 semester.

The CEC will offer four 12-hour, introductory Cannabis Core educational training courses with the first set to run Sat., Jan. 22, and Sunday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. each day over Zoom.

The Cannabis Core program provides an overview of the cannabis industry in Massachusetts and is

geared for people looking for general knowledge as they consider a cannabis career. During four, three-hour sessions, students will interact with cannabis experts and guest speakers in reviews of the plant, various cannabis products, the endocannabinoid system, laws and prohibition, growing and plant care, labeling, packaging, testing, employment considerations, and more.

The Cannabis Core program is a foundational course and a prerequisite for the following career track courses:

patient services associate (classes start Feb. 5), cultivation assistant (starting Feb. 26), extraction technician (April 2), and culinary assistant (April 19).

Additional Cannabis Core programs will run Feb. 19-20, March 19-20, and April 5-6.

The cost of the Cannabis Core training is \$599, but scholarships are available to those who qualify.

To register, please go to: hcc.edu/cannabis-core

The Cannabis Education Center is a partnership between HCC and

Elevate Northeast and based out of HCC's Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development.

Elevate Northeast is a Massachusetts-based, women-founded 501(c)(3) nonprofit, created to support the Northeast's growing cannabis industry through workforce training, education and advocacy.

More information on these and other cannabis industry programs can be found on the Cannabis Education Center's website – cannabiseducation-center.org or by calling 413-552-2320.