Holyoke Community College cannabis seminars start next week

The Cannabis Education Center, a joint venture between Holyoke Community College and C3RN, the Cannabis Community Care and Research Network, has scheduled three stand-alone courses for people working in the cannabis industry or those who want to get started.

The first class was originally slated for Dec. 17 but was canceled because of the snowstorm. It will be held instead on Feb. 6. The three classes are:

- "Professional Cannabis Business Plan Development," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., Holyoke. This $199 course is for experienced cannabis entrepreneurs who need assistance developing a business plan.

- "Medical Cannabis 101," geared toward dispensary agents and healthcare providers, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, in the HCC Kittredge Center. The cost is $99.

- "How to Start a Cannabis Business," 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, in the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development on HCC’s main campus, 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke. The course, which costs $99, is an "everything you need to know" introductory session about starting a cannabis business.

Space is limited at all three courses, so advanced registration and prepayment are required. No walk-ins will be allowed. To register, visit hcc.edu/bcs and click on "Cannabis Education."

HCC and C3RN are designated training partners through the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission’s Social Equity Vendor Training program. The program was designed to provide priority access, training, and technical assistance to those negatively impacted by the drug war.

The Cannabis Education Center is based at HCC’s Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development. Information about the Cannabis Education Center is available at cannabiseducationcenter.org.