



## HCC drone pilot course next month

Holyoke Community College will offer a one-month, hands-on program for individuals who want to become FAA-licensed drone pilots.

“Flying Drones for Profit, Public Safety and Commercial Applications” will run on four consecutive Tuesdays, Nov. 5 through Nov. 26, from 6 to 10 p.m. in HCC’s Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development on the HCC main campus, 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke.

The course will prepare individuals to take the Federal Aviation Administration Remote Pilot in Charge exam, which they must pass to become licensed drone operators. Classes are taught by Steven Vigneault, an alumnus of the program and owner and operator of Expeditionary Drones, an aerial photography company in East Longmeadow. Vigneault worked at Barnes Air National

Guard base on the Security Force and was previously an officer for the Springfield Police Department.

The course focuses on all content required to pass the FAA Remote Pilot test, including regulations, national airspace system rules, weather, aircraft loading, aircraft performance and flight operations.

The cost for the four-week, noncredit course is \$315. Space is limited.

The course is geared toward professionals in a wide range of industries, including engineering, construction, insurance, agriculture, emergency services, public safety, security, environmental management, transportation and retail, as well as those involved in more artistic pursuits like movies, video and photography.

To register, visit [hcc.edu/bce](http://hcc.edu/bce) or call 413-552-2324.