

Aims First

A publication for first responders from Aims Community College

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Nathan Spruce, Paramedic
ACC Paramedic, Class 2007
Deployed overseas Nov. 2008
Photo by Robert Waltman

Alumni News

Written by: Gilly Warren Co-Chair of Emergency Services Club

🚒 Why did you choose Aims?

I stuck with Aims because of the convenience. It was a nine-month program where I could take classes on the week-ends, so it was nice and convenient. It was also the first paramedic school to accept my application.

🚒 What about Aims sets you ahead from people who went to another school?

The knowledge base of the instructors. There are literally hundreds of years of experience with just the instructors alone. Trish is an extraordinarily smart paramedic and knows how to put things so everyone understands them. Aims uses the didactic portion of classes really well.

🚒 Why did you choose EMS?

I originally wanted to go into fire, like my grandfather. I sort of fell into the "vortex" of EMS while I was taking my EMT class. I just realized I really like it.

Medical Assisting

EMS-Fire-MA-Phlebotomy Orientation

January 12th

February 16th

Please note that orientations are held at 12:15pm and 5:30pm on scheduled dates and will be held in GS Building room 276. You must attend an orientation session before registration will be approved.



To Whom It May Concern:

My personal experience with the Medical Assistant Certificate Program at Aims has been a highlight in my life. This program made it possible to acquire employment as a MA in a walk-in clinic. The training received through this amazing program enabled me to be a great asset to this quickly growing medical office. The learned skills gave me the confidence, courage, and knowledge to fulfill the duties and responsibilities assigned by my employer. My employer is open and flexible allowing me to pursue my long-term goal of entering the Nursing Program.

There truly aren't words to express my gratitude towards Aims Community College, the instructors, the program directors, and the sponsors for giving me this great opportunity. It never occurred to me that an education obtained from a community college could open so many doors. Earning my Medical Assistant Certificate has given me the chance to expand my knowledge, build my skills, and enrich my experience in the medical field. This certificate program is my second one that I have attended at Aims. My image of the MA program is of the finest that the college offers.

Sincerely,
Ignacio X. Gonzalez Gallegos
Medical Assistant/Certified Nurse Aide

Program Updates

Look Who's New...

We are pleased to announce that Brian Pegg is the new Fire Science Program Coordinator. He was born and raised in Fort Collins, has 17-year-old twin brothers and a boarder collie. After completing high school, he successfully completed the Spring 2006 Aims Community College Fire Academy and then continued with his studies here at Aims by enrolling in the EMT Basic Program. In May 2008, he received his Associate Degree in Fire Science. He has been a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District for about 3 years where he was recently awarded "Volunteer Firefighter of the Year." Please join us welcoming Brian to the Aims Community College EMS/Fire Science program family. [Brian Pegg can be reached at 339-6694 or brian.pegg@aims.edu.](mailto:brian.pegg@aims.edu)

Nurse to Paramedic Bridge Course

Aims Community College is excited to offer a Nurse to Paramedic bridge course in early 2009. Applications are due December 11, 2008 and classes start February 2, 2009. **Scholarships are available!** Please contact Kristie Skala or Patricia Rand for prerequisite information and course details. [Kristie Skala-Schaefer at kristie.skala@aims.edu](mailto:kristie.skala@aims.edu) or [Patricia Rand at patricia.rand@aims.edu.](mailto:patricia.rand@aims.edu)

Paramedic Course and Intermediate to Paramedic Bridge Course

Our next cycle of Paramedic school is scheduled to begin in August of 2009. The course is 9 months in duration. Applications are due May 1, 2009. **Scholarships are available!** Please contact Kristie Skala or Patricia Rand for prerequisite information and course details. [Kristie Skala-Schaefer at kristie.skala@aims.edu](mailto:kristie.skala@aims.edu) or [Patricia Rand at patricia.rand@aims.edu.](mailto:patricia.rand@aims.edu)

First Responder Class

Aims Community College is offering a First Responder class at Hudson Fire Department in Hudson, CO. Class will be held in January 2009. Dates and times will be announced later. Please contact Wendy Rogers at 970-339-6696 or wendy.rogers@aims.edu for further information and updates. A second First Responder class is scheduled for the Aims Greeley campus. Class dates are January 21, 2009 through March 11, 2009 and will run Monday-Wednesday nights from 6:00pm - 9:45pm. Please note that a current BLS for Healthcare Provider Certification is required for both of these classes. Please contact Victoria Maloney for CPR information and available classes at [970-339-6685](tel:970-339-6685) or [vmaloney@aims.edu.](mailto:vmaloney@aims.edu)

CME

January CME for most area Fire Departments is CPR. If you would like Aims Community College to provide this training, please contact Victoria Maloney at 970-339-6685 or vmaloney@aims.edu as soon as possible to be scheduled. If you have any questions regarding CME schedules, instructors, CME hours, or recertification, please contact Paul LaFleur @ (720) 635-8656 or [plafleur@aims.edu.](mailto:plafleur@aims.edu)

CPR/First Aid

Is your BLS Instructor in need of renewing their Instructor Certification? Have them give me a call. We are able to accommodate almost any schedule. Don't forget that we keep a large supply of American Heart Association BLS, ACLS & PALS class materials for purchase and/or rent to accommodate instructor needs. Visit the following website to view rental and purchase prices of available materials and equipment: <http://www.aims.edu/academics/ems/cpr/equipRental.php> & <http://www.aims.edu/academics/ems/cpr/purchase.php>. Our BLS class listing can be viewed at the following website: <http://www.aims.edu/academics/ems/cpr/index.php>. Please contact Victoria Maloney @ 339-6685 for questions about dates, times and costs for all classes, materials or for any other questions, you might have. FYI: Current AHA Instructors aligned with ACC/TC: You must renew and provide proper documentation to the Training Center Coordinator before your recommended renewal date. If your certification expires, you will have to take the initial BLS Instructor class which includes the Core Instructor Course @ \$155 ea. The cost to renew (if still current) is only \$65. What a deal!!! If you choose to attend an Instructor Renewal class somewhere other than this Training Center, you will be required to provide documentation of topics covered and the training must be on the same level (to be determined by TCC) as would have been received during a Renewal class at the ACC/TC. Rosters will not be processed if this paperwork, copy of current Instructor Card and required BLS Instructor Agreement is not received by Instructor Certification recommended renewal date.

Fire Science/Academy Update

We currently have one Fire Academy running and will soon be finishing up. Graduation that was held on December 11th to acknowledge the 17 students who have successfully completed the program. We have also had two other Academies finish up recently. The Windsor-Eaton-Evans Academy graduation was held December 1st with 20 students and the Boulder Rural Academy graduation was held December 2nd with 14 students. Congratulations goes to all graduates for a job well done!!!

Aims Community College and Loveland Fire hosted a Fire-fighter II class which had 11 students successfully complete the class.