

PUBLIC SAFETY MEMO PS25-15

TO: Chief Academic Officers, Senior Continuing Education Officers, Registrars, Fire/Rescue Training Directors

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SUBJECT: Technical Rescue Water Rescue Combination Course Approved by the State Board of Community Colleges September 19, 2025

DATE: October 13, 2025

This memo provides updates on State Board approval of a new public safety course in the combined course library affecting workforce continuing education programs.

On **September 19, 2025**, the State Board approved a new public safety Workforce Continuing Education course for placement in the Combined Course Library, FRC-1217-TR Water Rescue Series, 2021 Ed.

Colleges are reminded that new and modified courses must be downloaded to the local course library (XUIC) and applied to local course copies (XULU). These processes are a mandatory workflow following all State Board changes to the Combined Course Library. Staff requiring assistance on the course download/update process should access the "Curriculum Management for Continuing Education User Guide" ([KB0010403](#)) in [ServiceNow](#) for a step-by-step guide.

For questions on course downloading/XUIC/XULU processes, contact Reyna Rodriguez at rodriguezr@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

Details:

- FRC-1217 combines two (2) fire/rescue certification courses: FRC-1215-TR Water Surface Series and FRC-1216-TR Swift Water Series.
- The course hours prescribed for FRC-1217 do not match the total hours of FRC-1215 & FRC-1216. This is due to the elimination of duplicative course content required when teaching these courses separately.
- Colleges must administer two state exams for FRC-1217: the exams for FRC-1215 and FRC-1216.

Please see below for course information as approved by the State Board. For additional course information please visit the NCCCS Combined Course Library at [Continuing Education for Faculty and Staff](#).

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Course ID	Course Title	Course Description	R	M	Cert	Credential	Program Area	Tier Level/ Workforce Sector
FRC1217	TR Water Rescue Series 2021	This Technical Rescuer (TR) Water Rescue Series will present the Technical Rescuer with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to satisfy the requirements of Chapter 17 (Surface Water Rescue) and Chapter 18 (Swift Water Rescue) of NFPA 1006-2021 edition: Standard for Technical Rescue Professional Qualifications This course should be offered in accordance with the most current NC Fire and Rescue Commission guidelines. Contact the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for details.	48	58	Y	Y	R30	3/Public Safety