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“Translating noncollegiate learning into college credit recommendations while increasing access to higher education for working adults”

On the Road Again...



New York Presbyterian Hospital – Transporting and Saving High-Risk Infants

Serving a large metropolitan city, such as New York, the Emergency Medical Services Unit of the New York

Presbyterian Hospital is highly trained to treat the most seriously sick and injured patients. The Hospital also distinguishes itself by transporting and treating high-risk infants through its High Risk Neonatal Pediatric Critical Care and Transport Program, a unique learning experience, and one of several re-evaluated at a recent site visit.

This regional service provides state of the art critical care en route to this renowned facility. An array of machines and equipment accompanies these specially trained paramedics, who tend to their precious charges on transports from points afar, such as recent trips to Boston, MA and Pennsylvania.

Among other courses re-evaluated were Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support.



New York Presbyterian representatives Daniel Meisels and Larry Wheeler, and Profs. Robert Rajskey and Robert Elling

Representing the Hospital were Daniel Meisels, Director of EMS Training, and Larry Wheeler, Supervisor of EMS Training. Representing National PONSI were Robert Rajskey, Paramedic Program Coordinator, Corning Community College and Robert Elling, Instructor, Paramedic Program, Hudson Valley Community College. (more On The Road next page)

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Who we are: Located in Albany, New York and created in 1973 as a program of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, the National Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (National PONSI) evaluates courses and examination programs offered by noncollegiate organizations nationwide, and internationally, and makes recommendations on their comparability to college-level instruction.

On the Road Again... (Continued)

New York City Police Department – A springtime visit to the NYPD allowed time to enjoy the hidden beauty blooming on the streets of New York City (see photo below) and to visit the NYPD Academy in Manhattan and the Emergency Services Unit at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn.

At the Academy, [in-service courses were re-evaluated](#) to confirm their continued comparability to college-level instruction. The courses ranged from Accident Investigation to the Science of Fingerprinting to a course on crime prevention, which provides NYPD personnel with the training to assist businesses and the community on ways to better secure their facilities. Public speaking is part of their duties and exposure to



Springtime in New York City

this skill is part of the course. During this visit, National PONSI staff, in collaboration with the team, also provided NYPD officials with guidance about the viability of a proposed course to receive a credit recommendation at the graduate degree level. While not frequently called upon to provide this preliminary pre-evaluation service, the team can offer feedback when there is sufficient course documentation to form constructive comments (see related article at the bottom of p. 2). All involved on both sides of the pre-evaluation process agreed that the effort was worthwhile.



Sgt. Matthew Venus, Sgt. Jill Bambrick, Sgt. Jose Medina, ASA Michael Plant, Captain Daniel Sosnowik, P.O. David Locitzer, Professor Robert Worden, and Professor James Curran (l to r).

In addition to the many instructors and course representatives, who provided informed comments, Sgt. Jill Bambrick served as the coordinator of the visit and as National PONSI's working liaison. Deputy Chief George Anderson also provided a backdrop to the NYPD's continued interest in upgrading the skills and professionalism of its workforce. The goal at the Academy is to bring greater efficiency to the course development process and to bring educational opportunities from concept to delivery more quickly. We commend the NYPD for their ongoing efforts.

Representing National PONSI were Professor James Curran, Department of Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College, and Associate Professor Robert Worden, School of Criminal Justice, The University at Albany.



NYPD plaque marking 70 years of excellence.

At Floyd Bennett Field, situated strategically (and beautifully) on Jamaica Bay, the Emergency Medical Services Unit represented the [Emergency Medical Technician program](#), both initial and refresher.

These courses prepare participants to sit for state licensure and are an essential component of the NYPD's first responder initiatives. Representing the NYPD, again, was Sgt. Jill Bambrick, Detective Les Leibowitz, who heads up this training, and Police Officer Hani Kutteh. Representing National PONSI were Christine Alvarez, Coordinator, EMT-Paramedic Program, LaGuardia Community College, and Robert Elling, Instructor, Paramedic Program, Hudson Valley Community College.



Sergeant Jill Bambrick, Detective Les Leibowitz, Professor Christine Alvarez, Professor Bob Elling, and Police Officer Hani Kutteh

Pre-evaluation Guidance Can Help Ensure Favorable Evaluation Results

Recently, the NYPD submitted a proposed course (see previous article) for preliminary discussion about its viability to receive a credit recommendation, in this instance, at the graduate degree level. Course documentation developed to date was shared with the evaluation team, who provided guidance and constructive feedback. This service, while not widely used, provides a valuable alternative in cases when the organization wishes to have National PONSI team feedback before completing the final touches to the design process. While National PONSI does not construct courses, this special guidance can be useful to those organizations that know they want to submit the learning experience for a possible college credit recommendation.



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