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BMCC accepting registrations for UAV systems course

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College is now accepting registrations for a new Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Systems course to teach those interested in learning how to operate UAVs in numerous occupational fields in the region.

The brand new course will provide a basic understanding and application of UAV/Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) design, configuration and operation. By the course's conclusion, students will demonstrate operational competency in using micros and full-scale UAVs.

The Eastern Oregon Regional Airport in Pendleton is expected to receive approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to become a test site for UAVs this summer. Pendleton, Tillamook and Warm Springs were all given approval by the FAA at the start of 2014 as part of the Pan-Pacific UAS Test Range Complex. UAVs are expected to have a use in several operational fields in eastern Oregon, including agriculture, land surveying, real estate, emergency management, land management, air quality surveying and wildlife management.

"Our hope is that by creating a career technical training opportunity in UAV Systems, we can help provide a skilled workforce in this new and up-and-coming industry in our region," said President Preus. "BMCC is constantly seeking ways to fulfill workforce needs in eastern Oregon, and this is an exciting opportunity to prepare people for a new field that will be looking for qualified workers."

The UAV Systems course will run the weekends of July 19-20, July 26-27, and Aug. 2-3 at the Pendleton campus. Those interested may register online for course number 009.030-01 at www.bluecc.edu. For more information, call the Office of Instruction at 541-278-5930.

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