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South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium Earns CAAHEP Accreditation, Demonstrating Quality in Health Professions Education

San Jose, CA— March 20, 2026 — South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium is proud to announce that its paramedic education program has been awarded accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). This prestigious accreditation underscores South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium's commitment to providing high-quality education and training that meets the national quality assurance standards established by CAAHEP.

CAAHEP Accreditation Benefits Students, Employers, and the Public

CAAHEP accreditation offers significant advantages for students, graduates, and employers alike. For students, it ensures a high-quality educational experience that equips them with the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies essential for success in their chosen health profession. Graduates of CAAHEP-accredited programs are highly sought after by employers, opening doors to enhanced job opportunities and career growth. Additionally, many professional certification bodies require graduation from a CAAHEP-accredited program for eligibility to sit for certification exams—an essential step toward licensure and professional practice.

Employers can trust that graduates from CAAHEP-accredited programs are well-prepared to meet the ever-evolving demands of the healthcare field. These graduates bring a strong foundation of knowledge and practical experience, enabling them to deliver high-quality care and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Dr. Barry S. Eckert, President of CAAHEP, emphasizes the importance of accreditation: "Choosing a CAAHEP-accredited program is crucial for students seeking a career in allied health. It ensures that they receive an education that is both comprehensive and relevant to current industry needs, ultimately benefiting their future employers and people receiving care."

A Commitment to Excellence in Allied Health Education

At South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, we are dedicated to fostering excellence in allied health education and are preparing the next generation of skilled healthcare professionals. For more information about our accredited Paramedic program, please visit <https://theacademy.ca.gov/paramedic-program-1> or contact Michael Van Elgort, EMS Program Director at mvelgort@theacademy.ca.gov

About South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium

South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium was created in 1994 by Evergreen Valley and Gavilan Colleges through a California Community College Chancellor's Office Grant. From its inception, the Consortium's mission was to deliver the highest quality training in the most cost-efficient manner to public safety professionals. Since 1994, six additional colleges have joined this innovative partnership to support public safety training within their local communities. Today, the Consortium is comprised of six (6) partner colleges: Cabrillo College, College of San Mateo, Gavilan College, Lake Tahoe Community College, Monterey Peninsula College, and Ohlone College. The Consortium operates through a Joint Powers Agreement between South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium and the member community colleges to provide training for public safety agencies in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and parts of Monterey and Alameda Counties.

South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium will continually strive to provide leadership and excellence in Public Safety Training through regional and community partnerships. The Consortium will also continually strive to obtain and maintain a status as the premier public safety training venue for the entire region and beyond.

The mission of the Consortium is to meet the educational and training needs of public safety students within the areas represented by the participating community college districts. Courses offered must meet a regional need of either small or large public safety agencies. Courses will also be carefully articulated with lower division academic programs and upper division transfer degree programs. The mission will be accomplished in an effective and efficient manner to ensure the highest quality training for public safety professionals.



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