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WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS THROUGH FUTURES FOR FRONTLINERS PROGRAM

Application Period for New Program Announced by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer Runs Through Dec. 31 with Enrollment Beginning Jan. 2021

DETROIT, Mich. – Sept. 10, 2020 – Essential frontline workers will be able to complete associates or career certificate programs tuition-free at Wayne County Community College District through the new Futures for Frontliners program announced by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer today (Thursday).

The new program offers Michigan residents who worked in essential industries during the April 1 – June 30 period, but do not have a college degree free tuition to their local community college to pursue an associate degree or a skills certificate on a full-time or part-time basis while they continue to work.

“Our mission is to provide pathways to better lives through higher education,” said WCCCD Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery. “We are proud to work with the state of Michigan to fulfill our mission and give essential workers who have given so much to all of us during this time an opportunity to reach new career goals.

“We are champions of big dreams and opportunity,” Ivery said. “It is an honor to have the chance to serve those who have served us so tirelessly.”

Frontline workers without a high school diploma or equivalency will be eligible for services to help them complete their credential and go on to a community college or job training program.

The application period runs through December 31, 2020, with enrollment available beginning in January of 2021.

Interested workers can apply and learn more about the Futures for Frontliners program at www.Michigan.gov/Frontliners.

About WCCCD: WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations and specialty campuses, including the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center, the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center, and the Outdoor Careers Training Center. The District serves nearly 70,000 students annually across 36 cities and townships, and more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, workforce transformation, hosting community-based training sessions, and improving student facilities and services. www.wcccd.edu.

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