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## **Administrative Memorandum**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

**Date:** November 29, 2019  
**Topic:** 2020/2021 Board Authorized Courses  
**Submitted by:**

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#### **PREAMBLE**

Education Services continues to collaborate with secondary teachers to develop new BAA courses that explore content not offered in Ministry-developed courses. Since November 2017, to meet 2018 Graduation Program requirements, 45 new BAA courses have been submitted and approved by the Board. Four additional courses have been developed and are being submitted to the Board for approval. Synopses of these recently-developed courses are provided below.

#### **GRADE 10 BAA COURSES**

##### **Exploring Personal Interests through Critical Analysis and Research 10**

- This course supports students in engaging with dispositions, principles, and practices of inquiry at an advanced level. Students explore topics of personal interest that are multi-disciplinary and connect big ideas across disciplines and/or extend beyond curricular content and competencies in their core subject courses.

Students will learn how to create a formal inquiry project proposal – including developing an inquiry question, rationale, objectives, timeline, resources, and means of sharing their learning both with peers and with people working in the disciplines in which their projects are situated. They will understand and engage in authentic inquiry processes including question development, research, critical reflection, self-assessment, cyclical goal-setting, and communication of their learning through multiple modes of expression. Through these inquiry processes, students will develop skills such as problem-posing, critical analysis, timeline management and audience engagement. Students will participate in group discussions and activities based on classmates' inquiry work, as well as complete several independent inquiry projects designed in consultation with, and guided by, the instructor. This course may be especially helpful to facilitators in meeting the complex learning needs of gifted students.

- Startup Cost: N/A
  - Sustaining Costs: N/A
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## GRADE 11 BAA COURSES

### Indigenous Peer Mentoring 11

- Indigenous Peer Mentoring 11 is an experiential, strength-based and culturally responsive course that encourages and nurtures self-esteem, student identity and personal growth - academic and otherwise. Through culturally-specific and holistic activities, such as learning-by-doing exercises, Indigenous Peer Mentoring 11 cultivates a sense of empowerment through the fostering of students' sense of belonging, relationship-building, mastery, generosity, and self-management.

Indigenous Peer Mentoring 11 provides senior Indigenous students with opportunities to demonstrate their personal leadership skills as they mentor junior Indigenous students in their school community. This allows the mentoring students to see themselves as successful role models fully capable of giving back to their communities. In this way, this course provides Indigenous students with a renewed sense of pride in themselves and their capabilities.

- Startup Cost: N/A
- Sustaining Costs: N/A

## GRADE 12 BAA COURSES

### Health Services 12A – Emergency Medical Responder

- In partnership with the Justice Institute of BC, Health Services 12A prepares students for the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification.

The Emergency Medical Responder course is an introduction to emergency medicine and is a level above First Responder (FR) or Occupational First Aid training. This practical course focuses on the core skills and protocols within the Emergency Medical Responder level of practice as defined by the Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC).

EMR certification meets one of the mandatory admission requirements for the Justice Institute's School of Health Sciences' Primary Care Paramedic Program and Diploma in Health Sciences (EMS) Academic Pathway.

This course provides training that students require in order to gain employment as an Emergency Medical Responder within a range of areas, including: ambulance services; industrial and workplace settings as a first-aid attendant; life guarding; ski-patrol and medical response for fire departments.

Certified graduates are eligible to apply for EMR licensure in British Columbia through the Emergency Medical Assistant Licensing Branch (EMALB).

This course must be taken in conjunction with **Health Services 12B**.

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**Health Services 12B – Emergency Medical Responder**

- This course must be taken in conjunction with **Health Services 12A**. This is a co-requisite course that covers the related theory for the EMR course. Health Services 12B prepares students for the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification in partnership with the Justice Institute of BC.

The Emergency Medical Responder course is an introduction to emergency medicine and is a level above First Responder (FR) or Occupational First Aid training. The EMR course provides candidates with foundational knowledge in human anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology and pharmacology. This course focuses on the core knowledge within the Emergency Medical Responder level of practice as defined by the Paramedic Association of Canada.

EMR certification meets one of the mandatory admission requirements for the Justice Institute's School of Health Sciences' Primary Care Paramedic Program and Diploma in Health Sciences (EMS) Academic Pathway.

This course provides training that students require in order to gain employment as an Emergency Medical Responder within a range of areas including: ambulance services; industrial and workplace settings as a first-aid attendant; life guarding; ski-patrol and medical response for fire departments.

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**It is recommended:**

THAT the Board of Education approve the following new BAA courses for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Grade 10**

- Exploring Personal Interests through Critical Analysis & Research 10

**Grade 11**

- Indigenous Peer Mentoring 11

**Grade 12**

- Health Services 12A – Emergency Medical Responder
  - Health Services 12B – Emergency Medical Responder
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