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College of Commissioner Science (CCS) Curriculum Update

A National CCS Curriculum Update Task Force is busy working on a project to complete an update of national CCS course materials by the end of the year. These updated course materials are also expected to include alternative training methods to help reach the next generation of commissioners. To kick off this project, a survey was sent to all councils in January to determine which of the Bachelor (BCS), Master (MCS), Doctorate (DCS), and Continuing Education (CED) national courses are being used and which are not. (Note: BCS Roundtable course materials are part of a separate project.) Thank you to Daniel Warren, team lead for BSA Research and Evaluation, for his help in conducting the survey and compiling the February survey report with results from the 117 participating councils (CR-33, NE-20, SR-35, WR-29). Survey results showed that 100 percent of the councils responding to the survey use the national commissioner college course materials. In addition to indicating how often a course is being offered, survey results also provided comments with suggestions for specific course materials to update, consolidate, retire, etc.

Starting with BCS, MCS, and DCS courses, task force members worked hard in three teams to create learning maps for each degree program, which includes updating course learning objectives, alternative training methods, and outcomes. On March 25, task force members met at Scouting U-Westlake with Steve Yackel, Scouting U team lead, and further developed the learning maps through a process of team mapping to identify how each course may relate to other courses (i.e., Basic Training and other BCS, MCS, and DCS courses) and to identify courses to be refocused, newly developed, or relocated. While at Scouting U, task force members attended the Developing Commissioners conference, where task force chair Julia Farr, assistant council commissioner in the National Capital Area Council, had the opportunity to share the team process for updating the CCS curriculum, explain the transparency of the task force's work, and invite all commissioners to send their updates on any national course materials and creative alternative training methods to the task force for consideration at farr.scouts@gmail.com.

Upon Scouting U's approval of the learning maps, the task force will begin work on developing the updated course materials (i.e., course outline, teaching notes, alternative training methods, resources, etc.) and by this summer expects to have first drafts of BCS, MCS, and DCS course material updates completed and to begin work on learning maps of CED courses. The target date to launch the updated CCS curriculum is by the end of the year.



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