

# Mock Code Team at Bay Path: real-life training teaches communication and clinical skills

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy announced the members of 2021 Mock Code Team (MCT): Monique Bull of Worcester, Khamphan Houatchanthara of Southbridge, Carolyn Jenkins of Cherry Valley, Stefanie Lauretano of Webster, Brianna Laforest of Webster, Julia Martinez of Spencer, Meghan Reidy of Auburn, and Tianna Welcome of Oxford.

Each practical nursing student knows every second counts in a code response to save patients' lives. Seconds make a difference in a patient's life. The mock code provides the practical nursing students with real-life training and teaches communication and clinical skills. The MCT acts quickly and efficiently with each member knowing exactly what their role is.

In 2017, the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy MCT was

formed to improve resuscitation skills and comfort level for practical nursing students. The MCT will meet for a full day preparation, with members practicing as much as possible. On Mock Code Day, scheduled for May 11, the MCT will run the code scenarios multiple times.

According to Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN CRRN Academy Director, "this is not an easy feat in a rigorous practical nursing program." Mock codes are a learning opportunity to make sure that practical nursing students are clear about their role so that there is no hesitation to help, no errors.

"We are lucky to have the expertise of Professor Jennifer DeFilippo, MSN, RN; Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN, RN; and MSN student from Framingham State University, Tara Johnson, BSN, RN," Bolandrina added.

Since 2017, Mock Code

Day at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy has been a part of the Nurses Week Celebration. The formation of the MCT increased mock code opportunities and participation to twice an academic year. Participation in mock codes increases comfort level. An effective code team is one who acts safely, efficiently, and saves lives. The MCT aims to be proficient with skills and knowledge, effective with communication, and highly organized. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy aims to increase the number of times Mock Code Days are held.

"Since a code, in real life is going to be chaotic because it is unplanned and no one can predict when it is going to happen," Bolandrina said, "our goal is to make it a point to have our graduates better prepared, fall into their roles and begin resuscitation."



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# Senators introduce bill targeting fossil fuel industry

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren are joining efforts to pass legislation targeting fossil fuel industries, specifically their benefit from public funds and their lack of transparency of climate related risks.

Both senators introduced legislation on April 15 focusing on changing the expectations and regulations for fossil fuel industries. Markey joined Senators Bernie Sanders and Ilhan Omar in presenting the End Polluter Welfare Act, which Warren has also co-sponsored, that they say would close tax loopholes and end federal subsidies for oils, gas,

and coal industries targeting fossil fuel companies for their role in impacting global warming and pollution including greenhouse gas emissions.

According to a release from Markey's office announcing the proposed Act, American taxpayers provide \$15 billion in federal subsidies to the industry with an estimated \$115 million used for lobbying Congress during the 2020 election season. The Act is also co-sponsored by Senators Jeff Markley, Cory Booker, Chris Van Hollen, and Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan.

"It is ridiculous that the federal government continues to hand out massive giveaways to antiquated fossil fuel industries that are not only financially risky but are also a driving force for climate chaos' devastating wildfires, hurricanes, droughts, floods, and extreme winter storms," said Merkley in a statement. "Those giveaways are even more egregious at a time when working families and small businesses across America — who pay their fair share in taxes — are fighting to get through this pandemic. Enough. It's time to put the health of the American people and our economy above the wish lists of powerful special interests, close these

loopholes, and put an end to taxpayer subsidies for fossil fuels."

The bill would also end federal support of international fossil fuel projects and has received the endorsement of 85 organizations.

Warren introduced a bill of her own on April 15 alongside Representative Sean Casten called the Climate Risk Disclosure Act of 2021. This bill would require public companies to disclose additional information about their exposure to climate-related risks through increased market transparency obligations. The bill has also received support from Markey, as well as 13 other senators and six other congressmen in addition to Casten. If approved in its current form, the bill would require disclosure of greenhouse gas emission data, fossil-fuel related assets, risk management strategies and more.

"It's time to wake up and fight back against giant corporations that want to pollute our environment and ask taxpayers to clean up the mess," said Warren. "I'm glad to reintroduce the Climate Risk Disclosure Act to give investors, and the American public, the power to hold corporations accountable for their role in the climate crisis."

Markey also released a statement on the legislation.

"We can protect our economic stability and protect the planet at the same time," he said. "The climate crisis is an immediate and ongoing threat to our economy, businesses, and communities and everyone needs to know the risks it poses. Our goal is 100 percent clean, renewable, zero-emissions energy sources, and disclosures in our financial system need to reflect the future of that energy system."

Both acts come on the heels of President Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan which includes several calls to action related to reducing greenhouse emissions and tax loopholes for fossil fuel companies.

## QCC anticipates reopening of Early Childhood Education Lab School

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. has announced the anticipated reopening of the Early Childhood Education Lab School during the Fall 2021 semester. The Lab School serves as a lab/training site for students in QCC's Early Childhood Education program.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lab School closed when the College transitioned to remote instruction; however, QCC's Early Childhood Education students continued their education through remote instruction. During remote operations, President Pedraja and the QCC Board of Trustees supported a program review, which examined and renewed the College's commitment to the Lab School.

"This renewed commitment directly responds to the needs of the Early Childhood Education program, and is in accordance with QCC's strategic plan and equity initiative," President Pedraja said. "The Lab School will have a phased reopening that is in accordance with licensure, health, and safety protocols, as is consistent with the reopening plans of the College."

Last month QCC released its plans to resume in-person services for the Fall 2021 semester following all health and safety protocols, while continuing to maintain strong online course offerings and student support services.

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