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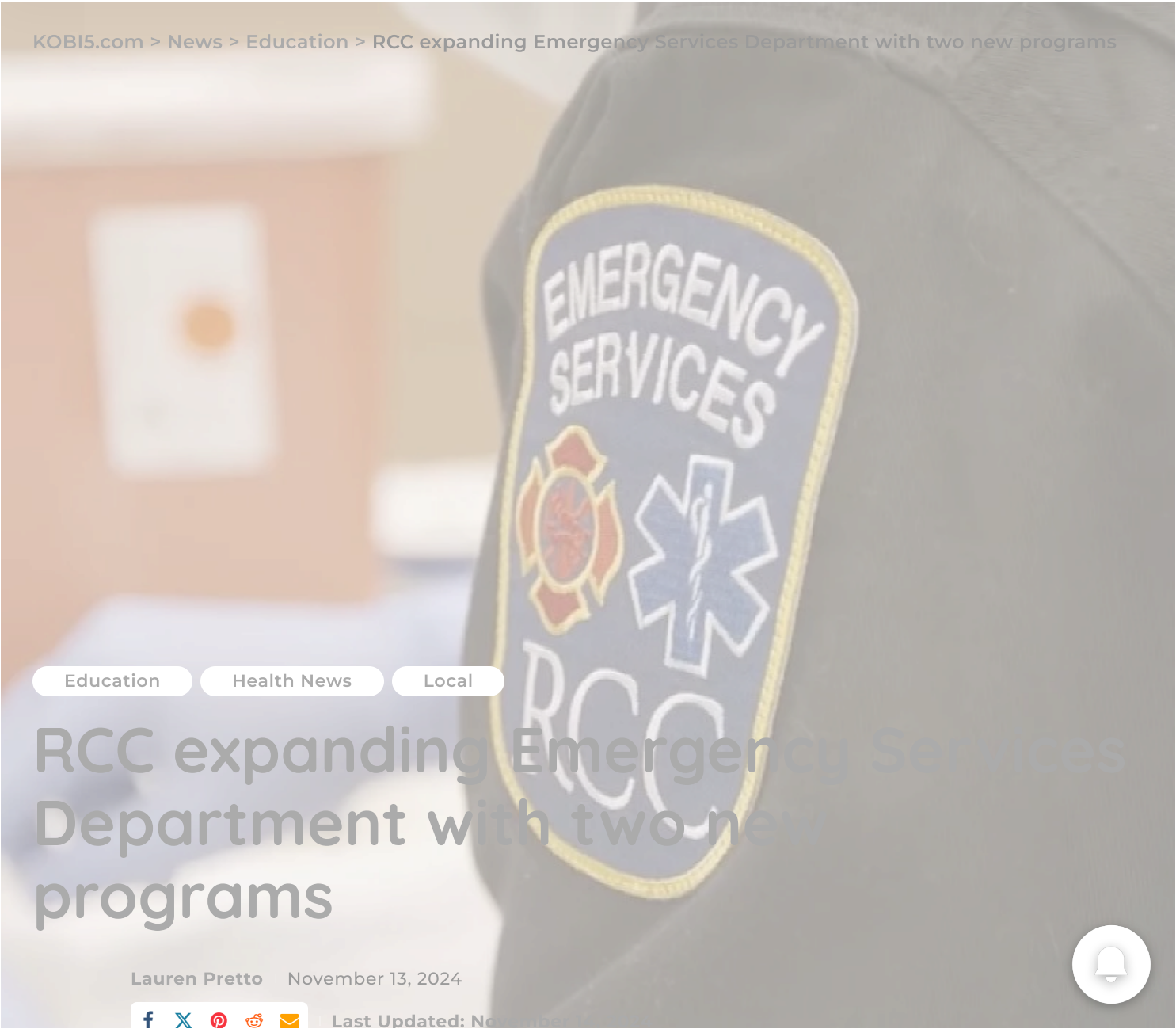


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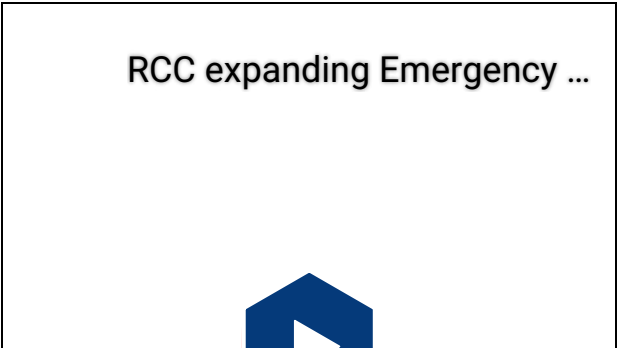


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GRANTS PASS, Ore.- Rogue Community College is expanding its Emergency Services Department with two new programs.

RCC is introducing the Advanced Emergency Care Certificate of Completion and the Emergency Services Associate of Applied Science degree.



The certificate is a four-term program designed for those with an associate’s degree or higher.

Faculty Chair of the RCC Emergency Services Department Rusty Riis says about 50% of the students are adults deciding to return to college.

He says this new certificate values a person’s previous life experience.

“We take everything they have from the past, we apply it and allow them to, in essence, skip over a lot of classes, and they go straight into, really, the meat and potatoes, if you will, of emergency services and paramedic education,” Riis said.

The college’s new Emergency Services Associate’s degree provides extensive training starting with EMT certification and paramedic education.

Riis says Oregon is one of two states that requires a college-level degree to be a fully licensed paramedic.

He says this new degree helps refine a student’s passion, so they can graduate in two years rather than taking additional courses.

Both programs operate to get those with emergency service training out in

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“We are in need of paramedics, but we also want to make sure we don’t cut any corners, and we want to maintain that high quality educational aspect that’s so important to our patients, to our community, to our fellow healthcare providers, and so, this allows us to do that,” Riis.

Find out more information on both programs by heading to [this link](#).

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