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EMC Helps Bring Insurance Coursework to Bismarck State College

DES MOINES, Iowa (Sept. 4, 2019)—EMC Insurance Companies and Bismarck State College (BSC) formed a partnership with the aim of creating and retaining a skilled insurance workforce to better diversify North Dakota's economy.

Over the course of a year and a half, EMC's Bismarck Branch and BSC worked together to add insurance coursework to the college's curriculum. Students and professionals looking to advance their careers can now obtain a Certificate for Insurance through the business program. Two core classes and one elective course are required to earn the certificate. Enrollment in these courses starts this fall.

"Our hope is that this program will help develop a steady pipeline of talent, introduce the public to insurance education, and provide continuing education and professional development to those already in the industry or looking to change careers," EMC Resident Vice President and Bismarck Branch Manager Marilyn Ternes says.

About EMC Insurance Companies

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 50 property/casualty insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with more than 2,400 employees. Employers Mutual Casualty Company (EMCC) was organized in 1911 to write workers' compensation protection in Iowa. Today, operating under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies, the company provides property and casualty insurance products and services throughout the United States and writes reinsurance contracts worldwide. EMCC is licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit emcins.com.

About Bismarck State College

Created in 1939 in response to a community need for a local college, Bismarck State College has always centered its energy and its efforts on the students. The third largest college in the North Dakota University System, Bismarck State College offers associate degrees, diploma and certificate programs, and one bachelor's degree. No matter what stage in life students are in their education, Bismarck State College provides an affordable education. For more information, visit <u>bismarckstate.edu</u>.