

## HOLYOKE

# HCC plans cannabis education courses

The Cannabis Education Center, a joint venture between Holyoke Community College and C3RN — the Cannabis Community Care and Research Network — has scheduled three stand-alone courses for people working in the cannabis industry or those who want to get started.

The first, “How to Start a Cannabis Business,” will be held tomorrow from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development on HCC’s main campus, 303 Home-

stead Ave. The course, which costs \$99, is an “everything you need to know” introductory session about starting a cannabis business.

The next, “Professional Cannabis Business Plan Development,” will take place Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St. This \$199 course is for experienced cannabis entrepreneurs who need assistance developing a business plan.

The third, “Medical Cannabis

101,” is geared toward dispensary agents and health care providers. That will be held Jan. 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the HCC Kittredge Center. The cost is \$99.

Space is limited so advanced registration and prepayment are required for all courses. No walk-ins will be allowed.

Register online at [hcc.edu/bcs](http://hcc.edu/bcs) and click on “Cannabis Education.”

HCC and C3RN are designated training partners through the Massachusetts Cannabis Con-

trol Commission’s Social Equity Vendor Training program. The program was designed to provide priority access, training and technical assistance to those negatively impacted by the drug war.

The Cannabis Education Center is based out of HCC’s Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development.

Information about the Cannabis Education Center is available online at [cannabiseducation-center.org](http://cannabiseducation-center.org).



Jeffrey Hayden, HCC vice president for business and community services, describes the programs and services offered by the Cannabis Education Center during a Dec. 4 roundtable and networking event.