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It might be December, but Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC) is thinking of spring. The new spring class schedule is out.

Imperial Extended Campus Coordinator Brenda Ledall said all areas offered have expanded. There are more for-credit, online and community education classes.

The new business training classes this spring include one for employers and one for employees.

As in the past, adult education, GED and English language classes will be offered from Jan. 6 through May 12.

Day for-credit classes include Expository Writing, Preschool/School Age Practicum, Intro to Exceptional Learner, Early Language and Literacy and more.

The night for-credit classes include Children's Literature, Intro to Psychology and American History, among others.

There are also computer, medical, photoshop and art classes.

Community education

Spring community education classes range over a number of topics.

Students can get ready for summer with boater safety and ATV safety classes or dutch oven cooking.

Technology classes include computer maintenance, Smartphones, Pinterest and Nook HD.

Offered in December and again Jan. 7 is Health Insurance 101, for those confused about health insurance.

"Working Together for the Child" will be held on a Saturday to accommodate day care providers.

"There's a need there and hopefully this will be the first of many," MPCC employee Carla Colton explained.

Another new class is "Basic Dog Obedience," taught by Dixie Schroder of Veterinary Services.

To ring in the new year is "New Year! New You!," where several businesses team together to provide a student with a hair styling, makeup, clothing and a photo session.

"We think they're all exciting," commented Ledall.

Register early

Those interested in the classes are urged to enroll as soon as possible. Some classes can't be held until there is a certain number of students enrolled, so MPCC wants to know ahead of time how many plan to attend a class.

Many classes begin in January. Colton said fliers have been mailed out, but are available at the Imperial Extended Campus at 1324 Broadway. If contacted at (308) 882-5972, the office will also mail out brochures.

People may purchase gift certificates to give a loved one any of the offered classes for Christmas.