



## Professor Contreras Shares KCC's Emergency Medical Services Expertise With Ecuador, Spain And Mexico

Professor George W. Contreras, an emergency medical services (EMS) expert, who recently joined Kingsborough Community College (KCC) as director of its future Allied Health Sciences Department, has been sharing the college's expertise in Ecuador and Spain at the invitation of officials in those countries. Later this month, Professor Contreras will provide EMS training in Mexico.

In October, Professor Contreras traveled to Portoviejo, Ecuador to provide first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training to paramedics and nursing students at the local university, Universidad Tecnica de Manabi (UTM). He also provided training to the local ambulance squad, Red Cross volunteers and regional fire-fighters. He has been working with the city since 2004 to help it develop a coordinated 911 system.

In September, Professor Contreras accepted an invitation from Mayor Fernando Campos Cresp of Miranda, Spain to speak at the city's first EMS and Disaster Conference. At the conference, Professor Contreras conducted presentations regarding the EMS system in the United States, the September 11th attacks in New York City and his recent humanitarian disaster response trip to Haiti. He also served as an evaluator to the city's first disaster drill.

AT KCC, Professor Contreras will develop the curriculum and create the A.A.S in Emergency Medical Services program.

"It was a pleasure to be invited by the Mayor of Miranda to be a part of their first EMS and Disaster Conference and to serve as an evaluator for their disaster drill. It was also my pleasure to be a special guest of honor



Professor Contreras joins paramedic and nursing students at Universidad Tecnica de Manabi for a celebratory photo at the completion of their CPR/ first aid training that he provided.



Mayor Fernando Campos Cresp of Miranda, Spain and Professor Contreras.



Professor Contreras poses with fire fighters recently trained in CPR in Portoviejo, Ecuador.

for the Independence Day Parade in Ecuador and provide training to the paramedic and nursing students who were eager to absorb as much knowledge as possible," said Professor Contreras. "I hope there is the opportunity to have international exchanges among the different programs when KCC's program is established. Such an exchange can provide important cultural sensitivity to our EMTs and paramedics, given the diverse communities in New York."

Professor Contreras has nearly 20 years of EMS experience and is currently pursuing his doctoral degree at the CUNY Graduate Center.



Professor Contreras poses with first responders in Miranda, Spain.