EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - PARAMEDIC

Program Description
The Paramedic Program is designed to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels.

The Paramedic provides care to emergency patients in an out-of-hospital setting. The emerging roles and responsibilities of the Paramedic also include public education, health promotion and participation in injury and illness prevention programs, as well as providing initial treatment.

The course of study is designed to enhance all facets of the Paramedic’s scope of practice. Completion of the entire sequence of classes leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Services. Completion of only the specialized advanced emergency medical courses leads to a diploma.

The program is offered on two timelines. The original focuses on the part-time, non-traditional student. The didactic training is offered two evenings a week and includes four hour class sessions over an 18-month period. Students are then granted up to 12 months to complete their clinical and field training at participating facilities and EMS locations. When all training is successfully completed, the student will be eligible to sit for the National Registry Exam.

An accelerated version of the paramedic training is also offered. This training consolidates the didactic training into twelve weeks, with the students attending 40 contact hours per week. The clinical and field requirements are identical to the traditional programs requiring 230 hours clinical hours and 200 field contact hours. Students are given one year to complete all three sections (didactic, clinical, and field) of this course.

MPCC continues to offer both versions of the Paramedic training to remain a leader in meeting the ongoing demands of the emergency medical profession.

Admission Requirements
The applicant will need to have a completed file to be accepted into the EMT – Paramedic program. Please read and comply with the following admission requirements:

1. Fulfill MPCC General Admission Requirements
2. Complete application to MPCC specifying interest in Paramedic program
3. Submit official high school transcript or GED
4. Contact Program Director to place the deposit necessary to reserve your seat. (Accelerated Program only)
5. Must speak and understand the English language in order to comprehend course material and communicate clearly with patients and crew members.

Program Objectives
- Provide care within the scope of practice as set forth by the national objectives and guidelines.
- Use effective communications skills appropriate to EMS.
- Demonstrate critical thinking and reasoning skills.
- Prepare to pass the National Registry Exam.

Due by First Day of Class
The following must be completed prior to beginning the program:

1. Immunizations must be current (refer to immunization form)
2. A copy of your current National Registry or State EMT certification
3. Current CPR card
4. Criminal background check (contact Program Director for instructions)

Career Opportunities
Employment opportunities include hospital emergency rooms, private ambulance services and salaried fire and emergency medical services departments. Emergency medical services and fire science are synonymous in some communities. Fire Departments are one of the major employers of paramedics and a large number of our students are enrolled in both disciplines with a major emphasis in Paramedicine. A degree is essential for advancement and financial compensation in most fire departments; some states now require a minimum of the Associate of Applied Science degree to certify.

Accreditation
The Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic program is accredited by CAAHEP – the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs with oversight from CoAEMSP – the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Profession.

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For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at www.mpcc.edu/financial-services/GainfulEmployment/GedEMSdiploma.aspx

Associate of Applied Science Degree
- Emergency Medical Services, AAS (https://catalog.mpcc.edu/course-catalog/programs/emergency-medical-technician-paramedic/emergency-medical-services-aas)

Diploma