

PRE-HOSPITAL REGISTERED NURSE, Certificate – (Noncredit)

Emergency Medical Services - Office of Academic Affairs & Workforce Development

CIP Code: 510904

The Pre-hospital Registered Nurse (PHRN) is a 300-hour course (classroom / remote instruction + clinical time) that provides the knowledge and skills required to allow a Registered Nurse (RN) with the opportunity to become an advanced level Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider. This course serves as an introduction to EMS, while teaching students the overall roles and responsibilities of the PHRN, utilizing their background in nursing education and clinical experiences. After completion of this course, the student is eligible to attend a Pennsylvania Department of Health/National Registry of EMT's psychomotor exam and complete the National Registry of EMT's Paramedic Assessment exam. The curricular content is delivered through classroom lecture, discussion, practical application in integrated lab sessions, and competency testing. This certificate can be completed at the Harrisburg Campus through on-campus/in-person instruction. Students take 166 hours of clinical work in addition to classroom instruction.

Career Opportunities

PHRNs are employed by both public and private organizations

- Ambulance companies
- Critical care transport providers
- Air medical services

PHRNs function at a similar capacity to that of a Paramedic

Patient care experience as a PHRN provides valuable insight in both academic and clinical components of other specialty areas of nursing.

Competency Profile

- This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:
- Rapidly assess injuries and illnesses
- Provide appropriate care to patients based upon assessment findings
- Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and utilize both manual and automated defibrillators
- Describe the indications, contraindications, dosage and route of administration for identified medications
- Identify and treat all types of shock
- Control external hemorrhage
- Provide care of musculoskeletal injuries
- Manage various medical emergencies
- Properly lift and move patients
- Demonstrate competency in both basic and advanced airway management and trauma treatment techniques
- Determine the most appropriate method to transport patients to the emergency department

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must submit a completed course application which includes the items listed below:

Certifications / Licenses

- a. Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification (that would remain current throughout the duration of the course)
- b. Current licensure as a R.N.

Acceptance into the course will provide instructions for completion of documentation required to participate in the clinical portion of this course.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE

The curricular content is delivered through classroom lecture, discussion, practical application in integrated lab sessions, and competency testing. Students must complete the course in its entirety to receive a certificate of completion. 260 Hours – 28 Lecture hours / 100 Lab hours / 132 Clinic hours.