

PARAMEDIC, Certificate – PARA (Noncredit)

Emergency Medical Services - Office of Academic Affairs/Workforce Development

CIP Code: 510904

The paramedic course is an intensive and comprehensive course spanning over 47 weeks and comprises of five separate courses, that must be taken sequentially and without interruptions. This program is delivered through a variety of didactic lectures, online assignments, hands-on lab sessions, and clinical experiences including the emergency department, operating rooms, respiratory therapy, labor & delivery, EMS Field experiences etc. Classroom discussions emphasize critical thinking, evidence-based medicine, and developing an assessment-based approach to patient care. Throughout the program, students are graded in three domains of learning – cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior). This training can be completed at the Harrisburg Campus through on-campus/in-person instruction. This training includes 400 hours of clinical experience in addition to classroom instruction.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

Selective Program: Entry into this program is not guaranteed with admission to the College; this is a selective and competitive admission program; specific admissions criteria must be met. Please go to the Public Safety Center website, (<https://www.hacc.edu/PublicSafetyCenter/EMS/emt-paramedic.cfm>) or contact us by email at kkalyani@hacc.edu for specific program entry requirements.

Career Opportunities

Graduates are employed as paramedics by hospitals and independent emergency service organizations. (SOC Code: 29-2041 Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics)

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Administer standard emergency treatments
- Work effectively with other healthcare professionals
- Demonstrate the skills prescribed by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of the Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Personnel (CoAEMSP)
- Take the paramedic certification examination administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
- Recognize how specialized training fits into the healthcare delivery system

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL 834 hours)

- Students must successfully complete all required practical skills and maintain a cumulative grade of 75% in each section and achieve at least a 75% on each section exam in order to continue with program.
- Students must be a certified and practicing Pennsylvania Advanced EMT (AEMT) and must have experience with a Basic Life Support service.
- Student must submit an online application, alongside letter of support from an employer and two letters of recommendation

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE

1. EMSW 031 - Paramedic Advanced Life Support I	120 hours
2. EMSW 032 - Paramedic Advanced Life Support II	192-hours
3. EMSW 033 - Paramedic Advanced Life Support III	244 hours
4. EMSW 034 - Paramedic Advanced Life Support IV	106 hours
5. EMSW 051 – Paramedic Advanced Life Support V	172 hours