

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - PARAMEDIC

*Health Occupations Division*

The EMT - Paramedic Program is designed to provide training and education to develop competent EMT-Paramedics. The Paramedic provides care to emergency patients in an out-of-hospital setting. The emerging roles and responsibilities of the EMT-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 EMT-Paramedic's scope of practice. Completion of the entire sequence of classes would lead to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Services. Completion of the specialized advanced emergency medical courses would lead to a diploma.

The program is offered on two timelines. The original training is 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 completed, the student is allowed and certified to sit for the National Registry Exam, which is the EMT's certifying exam.

An accelerated version of the paramedic training is also offered. This training consolidates the didactic training into twelve weeks, where the students attend all 40 contact hours per week for 12 weeks. The clinical and field requirements are identical to the traditional programs requiring 200 hours clinical and 200 field hours. Most of the students will continue an additional six to eight weeks to complete this aspect of the training.

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

### Program Objectives

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

### Employment 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 most 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 EMT-Paramedic. 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.

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN EMS

#### Suggested Sequence of Study

Fall Semester 1st year	Credit Hours
HLTH 1510 EMT-Basic	8

*(Class begins in August and ends in May)*

HLTH 1110 CPR Rescuer	0.5
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Spring Semester 1st year	Credit Hours
General Education Requirements	12

Fall Semester 2nd year	Credit Hours
HLTH 2610 EMT-Intermediate	15

*(Class begins in October and ends in June)*

Spring Semester 2nd year	Credit Hours
HLTH 2620 EMT-Intermediate Clinical/Field	5

Fall Semester 3rd year	Credit Hours
HLTH 2710 EMT-Paramedic	15

*(Class begins in October and ends in June)*

Spring Semester 3rd Year	Credit Hours
HLTH 2720 EMT-Paramedic Clinical/Field	5

#### General Education Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degree *(12 credit hours required)*

ENGL 1010 Expository Writing I	3
SPCH 1010 Fund of Speech Communications OR	
SPCH 1090 Fund of Human Communications	3
BIOS 1100 Basic Anatomy and Physiology	3
PSYC 1810 Intro to Psychology OR	
SOCI 1530 Intro to Sociology	3

EMT Program Credit Hours	48.5
General Education Requirements	12
A.A.S. Degree Total	60.5

**\*\*\*\*A student may enroll in the program during any Fall Semester\*\*\*\***

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIPLOMA 48.5 Credit Hours

Students will be awarded a Diploma upon satisfactorily completing the specific program requirements listed above.