Help People When They Need It Most with a Career as a Paramedic!

High-demand job skill for the next 15 years

Excellent pay and a variety of work schedules

Rewarding work as the first link in the chain of healthcare providers

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Central New Mexico Community College

School of Health, Wellness & Public Safety

PATHWAYS to SUCCESS in HEALTHCARE: Paramedic
Associate Degree - 4 terms

Program Specifics

REQUIRED PROGRAM COURSES CREDITS
BIO 1410 Biology for Health Sciences 3
ENG 1101 or ENG 1102 or ENG 1119 3
MATH 1315 or approved higher MATH 3
PHL 2247 Biomedical Ethics 3
PSY 1105 or PSY 2289 3
EMS 2103 or BIO 2310 3
EMS 2203 Drug Calculations 1
EMS 2207 Legal Issues and Report Writing 2
EMS 2213 Endocrine and GI/GU Theory 1
EMS 2217 Pharmacology Theory* 3
EMS 2223 Advanced Trauma Theory 3
EMS 2293 Advanced Trauma Lab* 2

TERM 1 (FALL OR SPRING ONLY) CREDITS
EMS 2303 Cardiovascular Theory 3
EMS 2307 Respiratory Theory 2
EMS 2313 Neurology Theory 2
EMS 2390 Hospital Clinical I 2
EMS 2393 Paramedic Lab I 3
EMS 2490 Prehospital Field Clinical I 3

TERM 2 (SPRING OR SUMMER ONLY) CREDITS
EMS 2503 Pediatric and Gynecology Theory 3
EMS 2507 Environmental Theory 3
EMS 2513 Behavioral Emergencies and Communication 1
EMS 2590 Hospital Clinical II 1
EMS 2593 Paramedic Lab II 2
EMS 2690 Prehospital Field Clinical II 4
EMS 2999 Paramedic Capstone 1

Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic 60

PREREQUISITES
High school diploma or GED
ENG 0950 Essay Writing or Accuplacer score 85
MATH 1310 Intermediate Algebra or Accuplacer College Math score 60
RDG 0950 Reading and Critical Thinking or Accuplacer score 80
EMS 1053 EMT Basic Theory
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OR
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Considering a Career as a Paramedic?

Do you enjoy helping people in emergency situations? A career as a paramedic might be for you. Paramedics work in ambulance services, fire departments or hospitals. They work a variety of schedules including nights, weekends and holidays. Paramedics are in good physical condition because they are required to climb and lift as part of their job. Paramedics are the first link in the chain of health care providers. They care for patients and transport them to a health care facility.

CNM Can Help

Central New Mexico Community College offers an Emergency Medical Services associate degree program. After prerequisites have been completed, the program takes four terms to complete. The EMS program includes classroom instruction, lab time and clinical experience. Students spend approximately 20-24 hours per week in class. They will be scheduled for additional clinical shifts outside of class. At the end of the term the student participates in a field internship. The final two terms include field clinical experience with local EMS services.

Paramedic Program at a Glance

It is recommended that students not work more than 20 hours a week when taking the EMS classes.

When students successfully complete the core required program courses (see back panel), they will be eligible to take the National Registry Paramedic Test.

Future Outlook for EMS

The EMS field is expected to grow over the next 15 years. The entry-level salary for paramedics is $38,000-$44,000. Senior or supervising paramedics can earn $45,000 to $58,000.

Paramedics have several options for growth in the health care field. Completion of the AAS Degree allows transition into bachelor’s level EMS programs at the University of New Mexico and other institutions. Some EMTs and paramedics become instructors, dispatchers or physician assistants, or move into sales or marketing of emergency medical equipment; other paramedics continue their education to become nurses and doctors.

Ready to Enroll? Here’s How

1. View the catalog online at cnm.edu or visit any CNM admissions office to pick up a copy.
2. Complete an application for admission in person or online and return to Enrollment Services. First-time applicants may need to take a placement exam or present ACT or SAT scores.
3. Register for classes online or at any campus. For more information about the EMS Program, contact us at (505) 224-4111. You can also find information online at cnm.edu/ems.