



PARAMEDIC (EMS)

The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) follows the 2009 EMS Education Standards published by the US Department of Transportation and involves 555 hours of classroom and lab instruction; an extensive structured 270 hour in-hospital clinical component with experienced preceptors at various medical centers and a field internship with a high performance urban EMS agency.

Students successfully completing this program will be eligible for certification testing by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. The Paramedic program provides general instruction in all human body systems and advanced life support management for a wide range of conditions.

If you'd like to be a part of a rewarding profession where you can help save lives, ECPI University can help you get prepared with our Paramedic (EMS) program. Through our year-round, accelerated program, you can earn your Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in as little as 16 months.

The ECPI University Paramedic program has been issued a Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). This letter is NOT a CAAHEP accreditation status, it is a status signifying that a program seeking initial accreditation has demonstrated sufficient compliance with the accreditation Standards through the Letter of Review Self Study Report (LSSR) and other documentation. Letter of Review is recognized by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for eligibility to take the NREMT's Paramedic credentialing examination(s). However, it is NOT a guarantee of eventual accreditation.

The Paramedic program is accredited by the Virginia Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services (www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services) upon the recommendation of Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education.

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Outcomes

The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services 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.

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The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services is designed to provide the entry-level Paramedic with knowledge and experience which will enable the graduate to:

- ▶ Exhibit behavior consistent with the standards of professional practice
- ▶ Adhere to the standards of professional practice within the legal, ethical and regulatory framework
- ▶ Utilize various methods of communication to effectively interact within the healthcare system
- ▶ Demonstrate technical competence in all skills required of practice
- ▶ Provide evidence-based, clinically competent care utilizing critical thinking and decision-making in the prehospital setting
- ▶ Provide culturally competent care to a multicultural society
- ▶ Utilize basic team leadership skills to ensure safety, coordinate care, delegate appropriately and solve problems to facilitate positive patient outcomes
- ▶ Demonstrate the characteristics of self-direction and accountability, which contribute to lifelong learning, both personally and within the profession

Possible Career Track

Upon completion, graduates with an Associate degree in Emergency Medical Services can typically seek in employment with:

- ▶ Local & Federal Fire Departments
- ▶ Public Health Agencies
- ▶ Air Medical Transport Agencies
- ▶ Correctional Facilities
- ▶ Local, State & Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
- ▶ Industrial Corporations
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Public & Private EMS Agencies
- ▶ Critical Care Transport Agencies
- ▶ Government Agencies
- ▶ Educational Institutions

*The information in this section comes from "Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2013-2014 Edition"