PARAMEDIC MEDICINE

CAREER GUIDE

Job Description
The Paramedic is an important health care worker providing highly skilled care to the patient before he or she arrives at a hospital facility. In many instances, the care provided for the patient in the pre-hospital setting means the difference between life and death. The field of Emergency Medicine is the ideal field for that individual who is seeking a physically and mentally stimulating occupation and who enjoys helping people during crisis situations. Some of the responsibilities routinely performed by a Paramedic include:

• Providing definitive, advanced emergency care of critically ill and injured patients in the pre-hospital setting
• Providing fluid replacement utilizing intravenous technique
• Providing pre-hospital medication therapy as indicated
• Securing patient airway using advanced techniques

Career Opportunities
The program is developed for those students who are seeking a career in pre-hospital emergency care. This field has expanded rapidly in recent years and well-qualified technicians are in demand.

Application Deadline
Students applying for the program must submit an application to the Limited Entry Office by the application deadline date. A “Limited-Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program” and “Program Checklist” is required with the application. Final grades or completed transcript evaluation must be in the Limited Entry Office by the application deadline date. (Note: transcript evaluation process can take 8-10 weeks, you must initiate this process at least 10 weeks before the completion deadline).

Accepted Students: Students accepted into the program will be required to show proof of Healthcare Provider CPR certification, health insurance, and immunization against Hepatitis B, MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), Varicella, and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis). Additional requirements include proof of a negative two-step TB skin test, negative urine drug/alcohol screen, physical examination and an official background check. All documentation is due prior to the first scheduled practicum/clinical experience.

Accreditation
The College of Southern Nevada is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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