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AREAS OF STUDY

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Description

The paramedic program prepares the graduate to function in a pre-hospital setting at an advanced level and to be able to demonstrate advanced knowledge in patient assessments, administration of medications, EKG monitoring, and advanced resuscitation procedures. The program consists of lectures labs hospital and ride times in accordance with the latest DOT curriculum standards. The Paramedic Program will prepare the student to take the Florida State Paramedic or National Registry exam. Upon successful completion of the program a Certificate is granted. This may be applied as credit earned to an AS IN EMS.

PARAMEDIC Admission Requirements

Registration is considered complete only when the following requirements have been met and the date of such has been indicated on the application. Student handbook and objectives will be given to the student at that time.

In order to register the student must:

- Present a valid Florida State EMT Certification
- Present a current BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR) AHA or American Red Cross For The Professional Rescuer card
- be 18 years of age
- have a physical/ health clearance from a physician (Health Forms provided)
- proof of health insurance
- valid drivers license or photo ID
- submit payment of first semesters tuition (\$1850.00)

ENROLLMENT IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

PARAMEDIC Program Hours Breakdown

In Months	9	Theory	502
In Weeks	36	Labs	190
		Externship *	400
		CPR plus HIV	10
		TOTAL HOURS:	1102
		*Ride Time 240 hrs	
		*Hospital 160 hrs	
			47 Credits

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PARAMEDIC Program Tuition Breakdown

PER SEMESTER @ 12 WEEKS PER SEMESTER

Total Tuition: \$5500.00
Per Credit Hour: \$75.00
Total Credits: 47

SEMESTER I

Tuition: \$1175.00
Books: 275.00
(Textbook & accompanying workbook)
Insurance/FDLE: 100.00
Polo Shirt: 35.00
Lab/Clinical Fee: 215.00
Non-refundable registration fee 50.00
Total Semester I fee \$1850.00

SEMESTER II

Tuition: \$1175.00
Certifications ACLS/PALS BTLS etc..... 360.00
Lab/Clinical Fee: 215.00
Insurance: 50.00
Registration fee: 50.00
Total Semester II fee \$1850.00

SEMESTER III

Tuition: \$1175.00
Certifications ACLS/PALS BTLS etc..... 360.00
Lab/Clinical Fee 215.00
Insurance 50.00
Registration fee 50.00
Total Semester III fee \$1850.00

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PARAMEDIC Program Goals and Objectives

The goal of Health Career Institute's Paramedic Program is to produce competent, entry-level paramedics to serve in career positions in the state of Florida. In accordance with the 1998 DOT National Curriculum this goal will be accomplished through the following objectives:

- to prepare the student to demonstrate the cognitive ability to comprehend, apply, and evaluate the clinical information relative to his/her role as an entry-level Paramedic
- to prepare the student to demonstrate technical and entry-level proficiency in all psychomotor skills necessary to fulfill the role of Paramedic
- to assure that the student will, as a Paramedic, demonstrate affective personal behaviors consistent with professional demeanor
- to prepare the student to manage a team of rescuers supervise and perform assessment of the scene & patient and apply current patient care protocols given a pre-hospital emergency scenario
- to assure that the student will contribute in a positive manner to the learning environment and be an active participant in the teaching and learning process seeking learning opportunities outside of the classroom
- to prepare the student to demonstrate clinical competence while assigned patient care responsibilities
- to familiarize the student with the hospital environment including but not limited to policies practices equipment and skills as they relate directly and or indirectly to the Paramedic in the field

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Paramedic Program Courses Description

LECTURE EMS 231 - Semester I

This course presents the objectives contained in Modules I, and II of the 1998 U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Paramedic. This course stresses theory and procedures used by a comprehensive emergency medical system in advanced pre-hospital care of the emergency patient. Topics studied include but are not limited to: role and responsibilities, medical legal issues, well-being of the paramedic, illness and injury prevention, ethics, medical terminology review, patient assessment, air-way management, venous access, medication administration, therapeutic communications, life span development, pathophysiology, management of shock and general pharmacology. This course must be completed with a grade of B (80% grade average) or better to continue in the Paramedic program. **11 credits**

LECTURE EMS 232 -Semester II

The course presents the objectives contained in Modules III, and IV, of the 1998 U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Paramedic. This course stresses theory and procedures used by a comprehensive emergency medical system in advanced pre-hospital care of the emergency patient. Topics studied include the following medical emergencies: cardiology, pulmonary, neurology, endocrinology, allergies, gastroenterology, renal, toxicology, hematology, environmental conditions, communicable diseases, gynecology, obstetrics, and psychiatric emergencies. The following trauma emergencies include: burns, spinal, thoracic, abdominal, musculoskeletal, head, facial, soft tissue, hemorrhage and shock. Course must be completed with a grade of B (80% grade average) or better to continue in the Paramedic program. This course may be repeated one time. **11 credits**

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(Paramedic Course Descriptions Continued..)

LECTURE EMS 233-Semester III

The course presents the objectives contained in Modules VI, VII, & VIII of the 1998 U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Paramedic. This course stresses theory and procedures used by a comprehensive EMS System in the care of the emergency patient. Topics studied include the following: neonatology, pediatrics, geriatrics, abuse and assault, patients with special challenges, acute interventions for the chronic care patient, assessment based management, ambulance operations, medical incident command, rescue awareness and operations, hazardous materials incidents, and crime scene awareness. 11 credits

LABORATORY

EMS 231L - SEMESTER I

EMS 232L - SEMESTER II

EMS 233L - SEMESTER III

The course presents the objectives contained in Modules I, to VII of the 1998 U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT- Paramedic. This course stresses theory and procedures used by a comprehensive emergency medical system in advanced pre-hospital care of the emergency patient. Topics studied include the following: emergency treatment techniques for neonatology, pediatrics, geriatrics, abuse and assault, patients with special challenges, acute interventions for the chronic care patient, assessment based management, ambulance operations, medical incident command, rescue awareness and operations, hazardous materials incidents, and crime scene awareness. Course(s) is completed on a Pass/Fail basis and must be passed to continue in the Paramedic program. 2 credits each semester

CLINICAL

EMS 231 - SEMESTER I

EMS 232 - SEMESTER II

EMS 233 - SEMESTER III

The course presents the objectives contained in all the Modules I through VII of the 1998 U.S. This course allows students to correlate all of the didactic background in the paramedic course with advanced patient care, and offers the student's opportunities to demonstrate competency in the skills learned. Students will be assigned to specific fire departments and hospitals to complete minimum hours of field ride time and clinical time. Students will perform various emergency medical modalities and procedures under direct supervision of paramedic preceptors, nurses and physicians. Course(s) is completed on a Pass/Fail basis and must be passed to continue in the Paramedic program. 2 credits Semester I, 3 credits Semester II and 3 credits Semester III

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PARAMEDIC Grading Guidelines

Semester I	Weight
10 module exams	71%
Quizzes	14%
Semester Final Exam	7.5%
Workbook	7.5%
Total	100%

Semester II	Weight
10 module exams	71%
Quizzes	14%
Semester Final Exam	7.5%
Workbook	7.5%
Total	100%

Semester III	Weight
6 module exams	80%
Quizzes	14%
Semester Final Exam	10%
Workbook	10%
Total	100%

In addition all clinical and attendance requirements must be met. Skills evaluations must be passed in a one attempt skills /scenario evaluation. These are graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

PARAMEDIC Graduation Requirements

The Paramedic student must complete the following to be considered for graduation; these requirements must be met before taking the final exam:

- Complete all class, lab and clinical hours as stated above.
- Pass each module exam, comprehensive mid-term and cumulative final with minimum of 80%
- Demonstrate competencies in required critical tasks including passing a comprehensive final scenario.
- All required paperwork has been turned in and checked by EMS program Director including but not limited to the required number of patient contact reports

Receive final approval (release) of the Paramedic Preceptor and the Medical Director before attempting the State of Florida Certification