

Careers in Public Safety Paramedic Training Program Public Safety Institute

Job Potential

The Public Safety Institute (PSI) at the Community College of Allegheny County provides workforce training programs for public safety professionals.

In order to enroll in the Paramedic program, applicants must possess a valid PA Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. Applicants who do not possess this certification cannot be considered for admission to the program. The prerequisite EMT training is available through CCAC's Public Safety Institute.

The paramedic program, which is non-credit, is the second level of training in the Emergency Medical Services career structure. Building on basic EMT skills, the program provides the clinical and field experience necessary to perform invasive techniques and advanced life support procedures. Knowledge and skill objectives covered include, but are not limited to: pharmacology, endocrine emergencies, respiratory and cardiac emergencies, shock and fluid therapy, trauma, infectious diseases and pediatric and geriatric emergencies.

According to the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities for paramedics are expected to grow faster than average. Paramedics typically find employment with



ambulance services, hospitals and other health care agencies. Full-time paid paramedics will be needed to replace unpaid volunteers and as the population ages and becomes more likely to have medical emergencies, demand for paramedics will increase. Individuals with paramedic-level certification should enjoy the most favorable job prospects due to the higher level of care they are capable of providing.

Affordable Quality Education

The instructors in CCAC's Paramedic program have an average of 15 years of field experience combined with specialized training which allows them to provide the highest level of student instruction.

Paramedic students accrue field and clinical time at over 100 local medical facilities which allows them to benefit

from diverse opportunities. They gain valuable experience by learning in the same environment in which they will practice upon graduation.

The paramedic training program entails 644 hours of classroom time coupled with 484 patient contacts. Classroom hours give students both didactic and practical learning objectives that give them the necessary skills to pass the national certification exam offered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

For additional information on **CCAC's Paramedic program**, email psi@ccac.edu or call 412.237.2500.

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Paramedic Training Program

Admission to the Program:

- Register and pay for program
- Provide a photocopy of a high school diploma, GED or equivalent
- Provide a photocopy of a valid EMT certification
- Provide a photocopy of a valid BLS Healthcare Professional card
- Complete the Public Safety Institute's orientation program

Prerequisites

- Be at least 18 years of age upon starting the program
- Possess a high school diploma, GED or equivalent
- Possess a valid Pennsylvania EMT certification
- Possess a valid Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Professional Card
- Undergo a physical examination
- Undergo hepatitis B, rubella and PPD (tuberculosis) screenings
- Undergo any other necessary tests prior to beginning clinical and field work

Program Costs

- Email psi@ccac.edu or call 412.237.2500 for current program costs
- Required books and supplies

Program Locations

- Allegheny campus
- Other locations, including Sharon Regional Health System, Lawrence County and Washington County, offered on rotation

Program Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the program will:

- Satisfy requirements for the Pennsylvania Department of Health EMT-Paramedic curriculum
- Be eligible for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians practical and written paramedic certification exams



PARAMEDIC TRAINING OPTIONS

Regular Track Paramedic

- Program duration is 14 months
- Classes meet two evenings a week and, on average, one Saturday a month
- Provides maximum amount of time to complete clinical requirements

Fast Track Paramedic

- Program duration is 10 months
- Classes meet three evenings a week and every other Saturday
- Intended for students with practical EMT experience and good study skills

Weekend Paramedic

- Program duration is 10 months
- Classes meet 8:00AM–5:00PM every Saturday and Sunday
- Intended for students whose work schedules don't accommodate evening classes

Full-time Paramedic

- Program duration is five months
- Classes meet 8:00AM–5:00PM Monday through Friday
- Intended for students able to commit full-time to their paramedic education

For official program description and requirements, see program details at www.ccac.edu.