PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM

Overview

The Fresno County Department of Public Health Paramedic Training Program is an affiliation between Fresno County and the State Center Community College District. The course is taught at the Fresno County EMS Education Center located at 770 E. Shaw Avenue Suite 109 in Fresno. Because of the affiliation, all paramedic students are eligible for 36 College Units.

The program offers 2 classes each year. The first class begins in January, and the second class begins in July. The class consists of the following hours:

Didactic: 
600 hours Lecture/Workshop (includes national curriculum requirements of anatomy/physiology and all testing/final testing hours.)

Clinical Internship: 
200 hours clinical observation and skills performance

Field Internship: 
480 hours of field internship

Accreditation

The Fresno County Department of Public Health Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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Accreditation is the result of a process that assesses the quality of a program, measuring it against agreed upon standards. It assures that the program meets the standards. The standards have generally been developed by professionals within the discipline and are intended to reflect what a person needs to know and be able to do to function successfully within that profession. Accreditation within health-related disciplines also serves a very important public interest. Along with certification and licensure, accreditation is a tool intended to help assure a well prepared and qualified workforce providing health care services.

In accordance with CoAEMSP disclosure requirements, the Fresno County Department of Public Health Paramedic Program reports the following information on its students:

- National Registry of EMTs Cognitive and Psychomotor Examination passing rate, 2017: 95%.
- Retention rate (percentage of students graduating from the program), 2017: 83%.
- Positive placement (percentage of students who are employed as paramedics), 2017: 100%.

**Entrance Requirements**

The following are minimum entrance requirements for the Fresno County Paramedic Course:

- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Current Certification in BCLS (American Heart Association Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross – Professional Rescuer)
- Current EMT Certification in the State of California
- One-year EMS Field Experience

Eligible candidates will be required to complete the following:

- Entrance Testing
- Written Test in Language, Reading, Mathematics, and basic EMT knowledge
- Interview

**Tuition**

The tuition for the Fresno County Paramedic Training Program is $8,820.00 and does not include the cost for books and supplies. The cost for books and supplies is additional and is estimated to be approximately $800.

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