

## Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic Certificate/Area of Specialization (3254)

Paramedic emergency medical technicians work under the direction of a physician to recognize, assess, and manage medical emergencies of acutely ill or injured patients in prehospital care settings. Their goal is to prevent and reduce mortality and morbidity due to illness and injury. Paramedics possess basic skills in opening up airways, restoring breathing, controlling bleeding, treating for shock, and administering oxygen. In addition, paramedics may administer drugs, interpret electrocardiograms, perform endotracheal intubation, and use other complex equipment.

Upon completion of this certificate/area of specialization, students are eligible to take the National Registry Certification exam to become certified in the State of Ohio as a paramedic.

Students must apply for admission to this certificate/area of specialization. Students should contact the director of admissions or the Counseling Office for details about applying for admission to the program.

All students enrolled in a nursing or allied health program/certificate must complete a criminal background check. In accordance with clinical site requirements, students with a criminal record may be ineligible to participate in a clinical course/rotation/practicum. Delays, for any reason, in obtaining background results may cause an interruption in the clinical rotation sequence or inability to complete program requirements. Additional background screening may be required by individual facilities.

Drug Testing may be requested in accordance with clinical affiliation requirements and/or for patient/student health and safety.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 and a "C" grade or higher is required in all science and program-specific courses for graduation.

### ADMISSION PROCEDURES

**Students must meet specific admission requirements for this certificate program.**

- Complete college application(s).
- EMTS 2011 has prerequisites that include current Ohio certification as an EMT.
- Current American Heart Association; Health Care Provider or American Red Cross; Professional Rescuer CPR card.
- Successful passing score on the required program pre-admission test.
- Meet with a counselor or director of admissions to review program prerequisites and requirements.

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