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### **General Information & Instructions Paramedic Program Applicants**

#### **Paramedic Characteristics**

The Paramedic must be a confident leader who can accept the challenge and high degree of responsibility entailed in the position. The Paramedic must have excellent judgment and be able to prioritize decisions and act quickly in the best interest of the patient, must be self disciplined, able to develop patient rapport, interview hostile patients, maintain safe distance, and recognize and utilize communication unique to diverse multicultural groups and ages within those groups. Must be able to function independently at optimum level in a non-structured environment that is constantly changing.

The Paramedic must be able to deal with adverse and often dangerous situations which include responding to calls in districts known to have high crime and mortality rates. Self-confidence is critical, as is a desire to work with people, solid emotional stability, a tolerance for high stress, and the ability to meet the physical, intellectual, and cognitive requirements demanded by this position.

#### **Physical Demands**

Aptitudes required for work of this nature are good physical stamina, endurance, and body condition that would not be adversely affected by frequently having to walk, stand, lift, carry, and balance at times, in excess of 125 pounds. Motor coordination is necessary because over uneven terrain, the patient's, the Paramedic's, and other workers' well being must not be jeopardized.

#### **Comments**

A Paramedic must be flexible to meet the demands of the ever-changing emergency scene. When emergencies exist, the situation can be complex and care of the patient must be started immediately. In essence, the Paramedic in the EMS system uses advanced training and equipment to extend emergency physician services to the ambulance. The Paramedic must be able to make accurate independent judgments while following oral directives. The ability to perform duties in a timely manner is essential, as it could mean the difference between life and death for the patient.

## **Prerequisites Documentation & Information**

1. All students in the EMS program are required to possess a current valid Healthcare Provider CPR card AND a current valid Florida Driver's License. This documentation must be carried by the student (on his/her person) throughout the course of the program. EMS faculty and clinical affiliates will routinely check for compliance of this rule. Any student who cannot produce the requested documents will be counseled and subject to program dismissal.
2. All Paramedic Program applicants must have a current Florida EMT certification in good standing, by the end of Phase I Paramedic.
3. All students in the EMS Programs are expected to have dependable transportation and the financial resources to support transportation. Students are expected to arrive to clinical locations at the scheduled time and to the campus on time for educational activities. Failure to have the resources to support traveling to clinical activities may be cause for unsuccessful completion of the program. During the course of the program, students may be responsible for traveling to clinical sites outside of the county. This practice is to facilitate valuable clinical experiences and exposure to patients of different ages and conditions.
4. Any student enrolled in the EMS Program must meet health standards as determined by a current physical examination by a licensed physician. The physical examination must be current, which means within six months before the first day of starting the program. The physical examination must include proof of current immunizations. These immunizations must include completion of a two step tuberculin skin test (within the last six months) or evidence that applicant is free of pulmonary disease symptoms if the skin test is positive, a chest x-ray following a positive TB test, evidence of immunity from rubella, measles and chicken pox, and evidence of completion of the series of three Hepatitis B vaccinations. If a student declines a Hepatitis B vaccine, a declination must be signed for the student record.
5. Applicants for Florida certification must sign an affidavit indicating no dependency on drugs and/or alcohol. In addition, all EMS Program applicants must complete a drug test from a Florida certified diagnostic laboratory or licensed physician, one week prior to class start date.
6. All students enrolled in EMS Programs are expected to carry their own health and accident insurance. It is the intention of PMCC, Inc. and its clinical affiliates to provide a safe environment, however accidents do happen. In case of an accident, illness, or accidental exposure, it is the responsibility of each student to have personal insurance to cover the incident. PMCC, Inc. and/or its affiliates, take no responsibility for covering medical costs incurred by the student as a result of accident or illness during enrollment in PMCC, Inc. EMS Programs. Students must submit copies of proof of health insurance to the Student Services Coordinator.

7. Florida Law requires all health care workers, including students, to have completed criminal history background checks. All PMCC, Inc. students who participate in patient care activities will be required to successfully complete a criminal history background check prior to beginning clinical activities. In addition, all PMCC, Inc. applicants are required to complete the felony disclosure on the application. Be advised that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's eligibility to sit for certification, registration, or licensure examinations.