Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) Paramedic Program

Website: https://uihc.org/paramedic-education-program

This nationally accredited 1,200-hour program leads to national and Iowa certification as a paramedic. The full-time academy program which begins each spring, consists of 16 weeks of intensive classroom training at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (UIHC), four to five days a week. A part-time program which begins in the fall semester meets every third weekday for two semesters and is based on a fire service work schedule. A second segment consists of 320 hours of supervised clinical experience in a hospital setting. The third segment is a minimum of 360 hours of a supervised paramedic field internship with a paramedic-level ambulance service. Field internships are available at a number of approved sites in Iowa.

Students obtain credentials in advanced cardiovascular life support, advanced medical life support, geriatric education for EMS, pediatric advanced life support, pediatric education for prehospital professionals, and prehospital trauma life support. The program is conducted twice each year. The full-time academy begins in January and the part-time program begins in August.

**Goal**

The goal of UIHC Emergency Medical Services Learning Resources Center (EMSLRC) paramedic program is to prepare competent entry-level paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician, and/or emergency medical responder levels.

**Curriculum**

The program adheres to the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards as defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Students who successfully complete the program are eligible for the National Registry paramedic examination.

All students enroll in the courses EMTP:3101 Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic I and EMTP:3102 Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic II.

**Accreditation**

The University of Iowa Health Care Emergency Medical Services Learning Resource Center (EMSLRC) Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

The University of Iowa Health Care EMSLRC is approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services as an EMS training program (#018).