Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) Paramedic Program

The Emergency Medical Services Learning Resources Center (EMSLRC) paramedic program is designed to educate individuals currently certified and licensed at the EMT or AEMT level to provide advanced emergency medical care and transportation to victims of serious illness or injury. This program is nationally accredited and follows the 2009 and 2021 National EMS Education Standards. The three-semester program consists of two semesters of classroom training with a minimum of 284 hours of supervised hospital clinical time. Following completion of the classroom and clinical experience, there is a minimum of 360 hours of supervised paramedic internship. The paramedic program is offered twice per year with cohorts starting in January and August. Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the National Registry paramedic examinations, which leads to Iowa certification as a paramedic. Out-of-state applicants should check with their state regarding requirements for reciprocity or recognition of paramedic training received through the EMSLRC.

The classroom portion of the program is held on a “shift-friendly” schedule. Following a three-week rotation, the class meets Monday and Thursday of the first week, Wednesday the second week, and Tuesday and Friday of the third week following the University of Iowa academic calendar. Most clinical rotations are scheduled by the student concurrently with the winter session; however, several foundational rotations are completed in the fall semester. The field internship is scheduled by the student during the final semester.

Program Goal

The program aims to prepare paramedics who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains to enter the profession.

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 Hospitals and Clinics 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).