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**Department of Allied Health
Emergency Medical Technician Programs
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Program Information Packet**

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PLEASE READ THIS MATERIAL CAREFULLY!

Class schedules

Classes are offered in January, May and August each year. Please apply early, as acceptance is based on a first completed, first seated standard. You will be notified when a slot is available for you, so it is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your contact information. Call Health Admissions at 484-2210 to update your information. Once you have applied, all official communication from Pensacola State College will be sent via Pirate Email. Go to www.pensacolastate.edu and click on the Pirate icon to learn how to access and use Pirate Email.

Class Schedule

Month	Class Days	Class Hours	Location of Class
In addition to these designated classroom hours, students, when approved to do so by program director , will schedule hours in hospital emergency departments and on ambulances.			
January	Monday	Lecture class: all students attend 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Warrington Campus
	Wednesday	Students will be split into two lab groups: Group 1 has lab from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Group 2 has lab from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	
May Summer class More hours will be added due to short term.	Monday & Wednesday	Lecture class: all students attend 8:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.	Warrington Campus
	Tuesday	Students will be split into two lab groups: Group 1 has lab from 0800 a.m. - 1200 p.m. Group 2 has lab from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
August	Monday	Lecture class: all students attend 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Warrington Campus
	Wednesday	Students will be split into two lab groups: Group 1 has lab from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Group 2 has lab from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	

Course hours are set by the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Department of Education. Attendance is strictly enforced. You cannot miss several classes and still complete the course. Please plan ahead accordingly.

Each class will include some lecture, lab and field or Emergency Department clinical time on occasional weekends, in addition to the scheduled weekly meetings for each class. Weekend dates will be announced at the beginning of the class.

The program is designed to continue for 16 weeks. Since the summer term is only 12 weeks in length, more weekend time and additional weekly hours may be needed. Actual time may vary, based upon the college calendar.

Costs

The EMT program consists of 11 college credit hours, divided into lecture, lab and clinic/field time. The cost of the program is approximately \$1500. This includes textbooks, the physical for your health form, tuition, lab fees, uniforms, personal protective equipment and other equipment as needed. Background check and drug screen costs will be covered by lab fees paid with your tuition costs.

Textbooks: Textbooks may be purchased at the Campus Bookstore.

- Daniel Limmer, Michael F. O'Keefe, Harvey Grant, Bob Murray, J. David Bergeron, Ed Dickinson. Emergency Care. 12th ed. Prentice Hall . 2009 .

Application Process:

It is your responsibility to make sure all requirements are on file in the Health Admissions Office in Building 3600 on the Warrington Campus. Please apply as early as possible. It will take some time to receive and post transcripts, for example. It is to your advantage to contact Health Admissions (484-2210) to ensure your file is complete.

How to apply:

Apply to Pensacola State College. Do this online at www.pensacolastate.edu. Click on quick links, then applications and forms. If this is your first application to Pensacola State College, there is a \$30 application fee. Complete "Request for Transcript" forms for your high school and every college you have attended, and mail to each school or college. These forms are also available online, under Quick Links.

1. If you have attended Pensacola State College before, but it has been over one year, you must complete the online application to update your file. There is no fee to do this.
2. Make sure all official transcripts are ordered.

3. Complete the Health-related application, at the back of this information packet. This form must be mailed or brought to the Health Admissions office on Warrington Campus. There is no fee for this application. Be sure to check "EMT".

Completion of steps 1 – 3 will place you on the applicant list.

4. Submit an appropriate CPR Card

If you do not complete all requirements within one year following the submission of your application, you will be dropped from the applicant list. Once all admission requirements are met, you will be moved to the Candidate list, ranked by the date of completion of your final admission criterion. Students for the next available class are selected in rank order from the Candidate list.

To immediately be placed on the Candidate list: along with the Health-related application, submit a front/back copy of the appropriate CPR card to the Health Admissions Office. Please note: A letter of successful completion from your instructor is **NOT** acceptable. **CPR Cards must be one the following:**

- **American Heart Association "Health Care Provider"**
- **American Red Cross "Professional Rescuer"**
- **ASHI "CPR PRO".**

Based upon the requirements of the State of Florida, no other card is acceptable.

If you have not completed CPR, the course is offered most Saturdays at the Warrington Campus. Contact Health Sciences Department at 484-2308 to find out when the next class is being offered.

5. Schedule to take the Nelson-Denny Reading Comprehension Exam

Students must score at the 10th grade reading level to obtain entry into the Emergency Technician Program. Applicants with an Associate degree or higher are exempt from this requirement. It is the applicants responsibility to ensure that this requirement has been met through testing or that their degree status has exempted them from the requirement.

Selection Process:

Applicants are offered admission into the EMT-Basic program on a "first-completed, first-seated" basis. The applicant must have completed all criteria listed below to be considered.

Application criteria to be met:

- Application to Pensacola State College completed and on file. Application fee must be paid.
- Health-related Application must be completed, EMT-Basic checked, and mailed or delivered and on file at the Health Admissions Office. A front/back copy of your current CPR card, as discussed above, must be provided to advance to Candidate status, eligible to be selected for the next available class.
- Applicant must have an overall 2.0 GPA on high school and college transcripts.
- All official transcripts must be on file with Pensacola State College.
- Appropriate CPR card on file
- Nelson-Denny Score of 10.0 or Associate Degree or higher
- When you have completed all requirements, you will be moved to the candidate list, ranked by the date you completed the final requirement. Once you are on the candidate list, when a slot to enter the program becomes available, you will receive a notice to attend a mandatory orientation session.

Certification

Upon successful completion of all graduation requirements, the student will be eligible to take the Florida and National EMT certification examination.

State law requires exam applicants to verify that they are free of physical or mental defect, alcohol or substance abuse. Once you are accepted into the program, you will complete a background check, drug screen, and health form.

A Drug Screen and Background check will be completed by all candidates accepted for the program. If information received from either the drug screen or background check indicates arrests in the past, you will be asked to schedule an appointment with the department head and the program director. Convictions and positive drug screens may prohibit your ability to attend clinical sessions and your ability to be certified as an EMT.

Convicted felon cases are reviewed on an individual basis by Florida's Medical Quality Assurance Office. If you are a convicted felon, or plead nolo contendere, you may not be allowed to do required clinical or EMS time, depending upon the offense for which you were convicted. You may also find it difficult to be certified in the state of Florida, and to be hired if the state allows you to be certified.

EMS employers are required to check driving records before hiring. Many employers also perform pre-employment and random drug testing.

Remember to keep us informed of any address changes that you put on the Health Programs application.

Upon your initial application to the college, you will be assigned a "Pirate Mail" email address. All official information from the college will be distributed by Pirate Mail.

Please remember to check your Pirate Mail weekly!