



The George E. Moerkirk Emergency Medicine Institute of

Lehigh Valley Health Network

&

Lehigh Carbon Community College

2022

NREMT-Paramedic Training Program

Information Sheet

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Lehigh Valley Health Network's George E. Moerkirk Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP). EMI follows the National Standard Paramedic Curriculum which prepares the paramedic student to take the National Registry exam, the State of Pennsylvania's official Paramedic Examination. Once you have successfully completed your testing, you will receive your National Registry and PA State paramedic certifications.

The paramedic program is held in the classroom and simulation labs of the Emergency Medicine Institute, which is located on the first floor of Lehigh Valley Health Network Mack building, 2100 Mack Blvd, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The class will use a telecommunications program at various locations where students will be able to attend a large majority of the didactic material at those sites. More information to follow. Clinical and field rotations are held locally within our hospital network, additional hospitals that have agreements with the network, and through our EMS system partners.

The program is held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM-10PM, beginning January 3, 2022. There are usually one or two monthly weekend class(es) on a Saturday or Sunday from 8AM-3PM throughout the year. The course will end December 9, 2022 with the national registry practical examination.

Selection of students for this course is highly competitive. Those with the best combination of experience, knowledge and attitude will be considered the top candidates. Extensive training includes didactic classroom lectures, workshops and labs using our human patient simulators (instructor to student ratio 1:5), clinical rotations in various medical disciplines and field experience through

preceptorships with selected Advanced Life Support Ambulance services. The course also provides ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, and 12 Lead EKG training.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current Pennsylvania EMT Certification
- At least 1 year current active EMS experience is strongly preferred
- High School Diploma or GED
- Successful completion of entrance examinations administered at EMI
- Exceptional team-work, attitude and an interest in people, medicine, science, and learning
- 30 spare hours a week to devote to this intense learning experience.
- Electronic device- IPAD, Laptop,etc with webcam is required

CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Enhanced clinical rotations at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, a Level I Trauma and Burn Center; Lehigh Valley Hospital - 17th & Chew; Lehigh Valley Hospital –Muhlenberg, and Lehigh Valley-Pocono; are scheduled between 7:00 A.M. and 03:00 AM. These rotations allow for education and practice in patient assessment, med administrations, I.V. starts, respiratory treatments, and airway management. Clinical Areas Include:

Emergency Department	Trauma / Neuro ICU	Neonatal ICU
Anesthesia Department	Pediatrics/ Pediatric ICU	Labor & Delivery
Cardiac Cath Lab	Burn Center	
Coronary Care Unit	EP Lab	

**Additional hospitals will be added based on the telecommute sections.

FIELD INTERNSHIPS

Field internships are your chance to put your clinical practice and didactic education into action under the close supervision of experienced paramedics. Our partner ALS squads provide you with real-world education and training in the demanding arena of advanced life support.

COST OF THE PROGRAM

The tuition is \$ 5,000, plus textbook costs of \$ 1050, and a \$125 computer scheduling program fee **(TOTAL FEES FOR PROGRAM \$6,175)**. This fee includes registration, course materials, lab fees, computer scheduling program, textbooks (including ACLS, PALS, PHTLS Main textbook, and EKG books), shirts for class, shirts for field time, graduation and certification exam fees. There is a \$ 30 entrance testing exam fee. The only potential additional fees would be for liability insurance, which we will try to get a group rate for the class, clearances if students do not have current ones and a drug test. There are several payment plans available also. There are also several EMS grants and loans, as well as Sallie Mae loans available. The initial National Registry examination fee is included with in the tuition.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Anatomy and Physiology is a prerequisite. The A&P course will run from September 1st through October 25, 2021 and will mainly be online with 4 or 5 in person classes for labs. If you have successfully completed EMI's A&P class within the last 3 years, you do not have to retake A&P. If it's been 3—5 years since you successfully passed A&P at EMI you may "test-out". If you have taken a semester of a college A&P course within the last year earning a "C" or better, send us the schedule and you will not have to test out. If it has been 2-5 yrs since you have taken college A&P and earned a C or better, you may "test-out" of the A&P class. If it has been greater than 5 years, you will have to take the A&P class. Additional Information available if needed. Cost of A&P course- \$ 290.00

HOW DO I APPLY?

You will need to complete the LVHN Paramedic application as soon as they are available.

Next, you will need to complete an entrance exam which will include: EMT final exam type questions as well as anatomy, physiology, reading, and mathematics. This entrance test is required for all applicants and you must pass the EMT portion of the test to qualify for an interview. The A&P, reading and math portions are used to obtain a baseline and do not count toward the EMT portion of the test. Testing is done at EMI, 2100 Mack Blvd., First Floor, Allentown, PA. **This testing may be scheduled starting August 25th and must be completed before October 31, 2021,** call (484) 884-0012 and speak to Mary Ellen Dischnat at EMI to schedule the tests. There is a \$ 30, non-refundable, testing fee that will need to be paid to take the test.

The final step will be a personal interview, following successful completion of the EMT portion of the entrance exam and submission of all other requirements, which will be scheduled in early November, 2021. You will be contacted to schedule your interview.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Virtual information sessions will be scheduled shortly and more information will follow.