



Paramedic A.A.S. Technical Standards

There are several important factors for you to consider when you are determining your future career directions. To be successful in the Paramedic classroom and in your job as a Paramedic following graduation, you should be able to meet all of the following expectations:

1. Attend class as scheduled, arriving on time and prepared for class to start at the assigned time
2. Complete all assignments on time
3. Participate in classroom discussions
4. Perform or instruct others in the following procedures (learned in class) in a timely manner.
5. Use sound judgment and safety precautions; exposure to blood borne pathogens and/or infectious disease may occur as part of the educational experience. Students are trained in safety/infection control and are expected to follow these guidelines to avoid contracting or transmitting disease.
6. Meet class standards for successful course completion
7. Use critical thinking when making decisions
8. Address problems or questions to the appropriate person at the appropriate time
9. Maintain classroom work area, equipment, supplies, personal appearance and hygiene conducive to professional setting as appropriate
10. Behave in a competent, professional manner

Physical requirements for the Paramedic Program include the need to occasionally, frequently, or continually:

1. Lift up to 60 pounds
2. Push/pull up to 50 pounds of force exerted at waist level
3. Squat or stoop
4. Use auditory, tactile, and visual senses to assess physiological status of an individual
5. Demonstrate good standing and unsupported sitting balance
6. Demonstrate good finger dexterity
7. Coordinate verbal and manual instructions
8. Communicate effectively with a variety of people through written and verbal methods
9. Shift weight in sitting or standing
10. Use a firm grasp
11. Reach above shoulder level
12. Kneel, kneel-stand, and half kneel
13. Physically move and transfer patients