

Northland Community and Technical College Paramedic Program Essential Functions for Paramedic Students

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 following graduation, you should be able to meet all of the following expectations:

1. Attend class approximately 10-25 hours a week or perform 40 hours a week of clinical education, depending on the stage of the program curriculum.
2. Complete all assignments on time.
3. Participate in classroom discussions.
4. 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.
5. Meet class standards for successful course completion.
6. Use critical thinking when making decisions.
7. Follow standards stated in Paramedic Program Handbook.
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 a 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. Sit 2-5 hours per day with lecture blocks up to 2 hours.
2. Stand 1-6 hours with lab time blocks up to 4 hours.
3. Lift up to 60 pounds.
4. Push/pull up to 50 pounds of force exerted at waist level.
5. Squat or stoop.
6. Use auditory, tactile, and visual senses to assess physiological status of an individual/patient.
7. Demonstrate good standing and unsupported sitting balance.
8. Demonstrate good finger dexterity.
9. Coordinate verbal and manual instructions.
10. Communicate effectively with a variety of people through written, verbal, and nonverbal methods.
11. Shift weight in sitting or standing positions.

- 12. Demonstrate the ability to use a firm grasp while using equipment and while performing patient care interventions.
- 13. Reach above shoulder level.
- 14. Kneel, kneel-stand, and half kneel.
- 15. Physically move and transfer patients.

Students who have concerns about the ability to perform any of these functions should contact the Paramedic Program Director at (218) 793-2630. Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations or information by calling the NCTC Learning Center at (218) 793-4629.

To be completed upon entry into the Paramedic Program

Yes No I have read and I understand the Essential Functions relative to the Paramedic Program.

Yes No I am able to meet the Physical Requirements of the Paramedic Program as specified and do not require any reasonable accommodation to meet these requirements at this time.

(√) I require the following reasonable accommodation(s) to meet the Physical Requirement standard as specified:

Signing this form also gives permission to the NCTC Paramedic Program to release information regarding any needed reasonable accommodation to clinical education sites.

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Student name (printed)

Student Signature

Date