

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
OBJECTIVES AND DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING
EMS OBSERVATION

Students will:

1. Observe the paramedic provide advanced life support to critically ill clients who are being transported to the emergency department via ambulance
2. Identify the skills that the paramedic must have to perform this role
3. Identify the certifications and education of paramedics
4. Observe the procedures performed in the ambulance: cardiac monitoring, advanced airway management, possible intubation, establishing intravenous access and administering medications en route to the emergency department
5. Assist in evaluating vital signs as directed by the paramedic
6. Assist in a physical assessment of the client as directed by the paramedic.
7. Observe how the paramedic sets priorities with the care provided to the client
8. Observe changes that occur with the care provided by the paramedic
9. Observe communication strategies that the paramedic has with the client
10. Observe communication paramedic has with the base physician
11. Be able to report your experience at next clinical post conference

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LOCATION: 65 Prospect Street and Bellevue behind Capital Health System at Mercer Medical Center near parking lot E. White building labeled Center for emergency Services. Fenced in. Behind the clinics

UNIFORM: wear dark pants and white Oxford or polo shirt without emblems. EMS has the uniform to borrow. Don't buy it. Wear comfortable shoes either white or black sneakers. Bring stethoscope.

PREPARATION:

1. must go to setting and be fit tested before you go to the experience. Call 609-815-7498 to set up time to do this.
2. Must complete the CHS orientation packet, sign the back sheet and return to Coordinator

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3. Must have malpractice insurance, updated CPR, updated PPD, updated health requirements for the nursing program

TIMING: The Paramedics work 12 hour shifts from 7AM-7PM, 7PM-7AM. You are required to have a 6 hour rotation. You can take half of any shift 7 days of the week. There are 5 ambulances. They will accept up to 3 students at anytime. Indicate to the Paramedic with whom you are working that you need to be back at the base 6 hours later.

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