



SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services & Certificate in Paramedic Technician Admission Ranking System

Overview

Anyone desiring entrance into a paramedic major must first gain admission to Penn College. Applicants who are accepted into the College and have completed placement testing will be placed into a pre-major. While in pre-major status, students begin prerequisite course work that will prepare them for program-specific courses. Pre-major students are then evaluated for acceptance into their desired paramedic major in June. Acceptance is based upon additional requirements beyond College admission and is explained below. Typically, any changes to these admission requirements are made prior to the student's enrollment at Penn College; however, in special circumstances, such as an observed change in program outcomes, the College President may approve more immediate changes to ensure student success. In such cases, students will receive timely written notice of the change.

- 1.) The applicant must remediate any developmental course work requirements as required by the major.
 - a. **A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services**
 - i. English Level 3 or successful completion of ENL001
 - ii. Successful completion of RDG111
 - iii. Math Level 3 or successful completion of MTH005
 - b. **Certificate in Paramedic Technician**
 - i. English Level 3 or successful completion of ENL001
 - ii. Successful completion of RDG111
 - iii. Math Level 2 or successful completion of MTH004
- 2.) The applicant will not qualify for acceptance if the Math/Science grade average is below 2.0. Required Math/Science coursework (listed below) must be successfully completed in order for a student to be eligible to be accepted into a paramedic major.
 - a. **A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services**
 - i. BIO115 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I
 - ii. BIO125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II
 - iii. Math Elective (MTH124 or higher)
 - b. **Certificate in Paramedic Technician**
 - i. BIO 103-Human Anatomy and Physiology Survey
 - ii. Math Elective (MTH 011 OR MTH 124 or higher)
- 3.) The applicant will not qualify for acceptance if the graduation grade point average (GPA) is below a 2.0. Graduation GPA includes the above listed math/science

courses as well as the courses listed below (these courses, while required for graduation, are not required for acceptance into the paramedic major)

a. A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services

- i. CSC 124 –Information, Technology, and Society
- ii. ENL 111-English Composition I
- iii. PSY 111-General Psychology OR SOC 111-Introduction to Sociology
- iv. Communication Elective

b. Certificate in Paramedic Technician

- i. ENL 111-English Composition 1

- 4.) Applicants for both the Associates Degree in Emergency Medical Services and the Paramedic Technician majors must demonstrate competency as an Emergency Medical Technician through current certification a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) or Pa. Dept of Health Emergency Medical Technician. Per the PA DOH guidelines, all out of state applications must apply for EMT certification through the PA Department of Health to be eligible to begin clinical rotations as a paramedic student.

Selection decisions are based on academic grade calculations and objective performance criteria. A student may appeal a selection decision. The student must submit a written summary of circumstances to the Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Sciences no later than five business days following the student's receipt of written notification of non-selection into the major. To be considered, appeals must be typed, signed, dated and include a current mailing address. A Selection Appeal Committee will be convened to review the appeal. The student will receive a written notification of the decision within five business days following the dean's receipt of the formal appeal. Decisions by the Appeal Committee are final with no further appeal.