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Classes are taught by Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences faculty, as well as paramedics, physicians, nurses, and other regional specialists in specific fields of prehospital care.

Field experience with regional advanced life support units will be arranged with preceptors approved by the hospital.

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Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Paramedic Education Program is nationally accredited by:

Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP):

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# Paramedic Education Program



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## When life is on the line, seconds count.

And when an individual needs immediate life-saving treatment, paramedics are this community's first contact for advanced emergency medical care.



The Paramedic Education Program at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences gives students the opportunity to combine their educational and work experience in the community and in the hospital. From this combination students gain an understanding of continuity of care – from first contact with the patient in the field until discharge from the hospital.

The Program includes didactic, lab, clinical, and field experiences provided by Reading Hospital in cooperation with advanced life support services in the Eastern Pennsylvania EMS and neighboring regions. Upon graduation, students are qualified to take the National Registry Exam for paramedics. The Paramedic Education Program admits new classes every fall. The deadline for completed applications is June 1, or when qualified student capacity has been reached.

Enrollment is limited to certified Emergency Medical Technicians with at least one year of experience in emergency care. Qualified applicants are admitted to the Program on a rolling basis. Admission to the Program will be based on the following:

- Current EMT certification in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Recommendations: "recommend with confidence" rating
- All required transcripts
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

### Goals

The Paramedic Education Program aims to provide the highest level of prehospital care training in advanced life support, as well as to orient prehospital care providers to their professional status in the community.

### Program Details

Currently, paramedic classes are held Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences throughout the 11-month program.

Graduation is scheduled for July. Clinical will be addressed during orientation sessions.

### Curriculum

Our Program exceeds the national standards outline and follows the National EMS Educational Blueprint. The Program also exceeds all state and regional course requirements for paramedic education.

Topics of instruction include:

- Operations
- Trauma Emergencies
- Medical Emergencies
- OB/GYN Emergencies
- Pediatric Emergencies

