



# Paramedic Program

# Mercy Hospital

August 2016 - July 2017

Mercy EMS offers the highest quality EMS education designed to meet the needs of individuals pursuing a career in Emergency Medical Services.



### **Paramedic Program Information**

Mercy Hospital Springfield offers a one year Paramedic certificate program that prepares students to enter the field of Emergency Medical Services as a Paramedic. Paramedics are highly trained, extremely important members of the allied healthcare team caring for the critically ill or injured in the pre-hospital setting, as well as inside emergency departments or clinics. This is a highly demanding, full year of study that provides students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and master the skills necessary to enter the workforce as a competent entry-level Paramedic.

Didactic portions of the course are taught at the Mercy Emergency Medical Services Education Center in Springfield, MO, with clinical time performed at Mercy Hospital Springfield, and a field internship through Mercy Emergency Medical Services.

Didactic and lab: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Clinical time scheduled outside of normal class days, approximately 1-2 clinical shifts per week.

Total didactic, lab, clinical and field time in the Mercy Hospital Springfield Paramedic Program is approximately 1250 hours of instruction, and meets or exceeds all requirements for a paramedic education program in the State of Missouri. The program currently holds a Letter of Review from the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions, which allows its graduates to challenge the cognitive and psychomotor skills tests of the National Registry of EMTs.

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The paramedic program of Mercy Hospital Springfield is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

#### **Entrance requirements:**

- High school diploma or GED
- Missouri State EMT license
- BLS for Healthcare Providers certification
- One year full time experience with an EMS service, or two years experience with a first response agency that provides EMS response, or equivalent experience as decided by the Program Director
- Successful completion of college level Anatomy and Physiology within the last 5 years with a final grade of 80% or higher - must be verified by transcript turned in with application
- Successful completion of the entrance pre-testing and interview (instructions will be given)
- Successful completion of a criminal background and drug screen (instructions will be given)
- Provide proof of the following vaccinations: 2 step TB skin testing, TDaP within last 10 years, MMR or proof of immunity, varicella immunization or proof of immunity. Hepatitis B vaccination is not required, but is recommended. The student must receive the annual influenza vaccination in class.

Class size is limited, and entrance to the program is competitive! Complete an application packet and mail to the return address listed on this brochure, or return in person prior to May 27. Applications can be obtained in person at the EMS office or by calling 417-820-5454. Leave your name, e-mail address, and request, and an application packet will be sent to you.

# If you would like more information, call Mercy EMS-Education Programs at 417-820-5454.

Course location: Mercy Emergency Services Education Center 1407 E. St. Louis Street | Springfield MO

**Course Fee:** \$6,000 (includes necessary instructional supplies and one uniform shirt)

#### Important dates:

May 27, 2016 - Application deadline

August 18, 2016 - Program start date

July 27, 2017 - Tentative graduation date