

## Paramedic Program

### Collaborative agreement with Northcentral Technical College

- Students will apply directly to Northcentral Technical College and pay the \$30 application fee to Northcentral Technical College.
- Students must take the Accuplacer entrance test and achieve the following scores:
  - Reading raw score 74 or ACT of 18
  - Sentence raw score 79 or ACT of 18
  - NOTE: students not achieving the above scores will be asked to do remedial work to improve their skills.
- Student must have completed the pre-requisite of Basic EMT prior to any core paramedic courses.
- Students must be CPR certified (Healthcare Provider Level) that does not expire during the program.
- Students must achieve a “C” or better in the sciences and general education courses to transfer these classes to NTC.
- NTC will accept the general education courses outlined below for NATC students.

| Course Equivalencies<br><i>Northcentral Technical College<br/>Course(NTC)</i> | <i>Credits</i> | <i>Nicolet Courses (NATC)</i>               | <i>Credits</i> |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| Written Communications<br>10-801-1995   | 3              | Written Communications<br>10-801-195        | 3              |
| General Anatomy & Physiology<br>10-806-177                                    | 4              | General Anatomy & Physiology<br>10-806-177  | 4              |
| Introduction to Sociology<br>10-809-196                                       | 3              | Contemporary American Society<br>10-809-197 | 3              |
| Race Ethnic & Diversity 10-809-172 or Economics 10-809-195                    | 3              | Economics<br>10-809-195                     | 3              |
| Intro to Psychology 10-809-198 or Psychology of Human Relations 10-809-199    | 3              | Psychology of Human Relations<br>10-809-199 | 3              |
| Oral/Interpersonal Communication  | 3              | Oral/Interpersonal Communication            | 3              |
| Advanced Anatomy & Physiology<br>10-806-179                                   | 4              | Advanced Anatomy & Physiology<br>10-806-179 | 4              |
| Microbiology<br>10-806-197  | 4              | Microbiology<br>10-806-179                  | 4              |
| Developmental Psychology<br>10-809-188  | 3              | Developmental Psychology<br>10-809-188      | 3              |

# **Paramedic Technician Program**

## **WHAT DOES A PARAMEDIC DO?**

Paramedics work in rapid response ambulance units to deal with medical emergencies. Such emergencies may include minor injuries, sudden illness, and casualties arising from road and rail accidents, criminal violence, fires and other incidents. Paramedics are usually the first senior healthcare professionals on the scene and they assess the patient's condition and initiate specialist medical treatment and care before admission to the hospital.

The primary goal of paramedics is to meet people's immediate treatment needs. They resuscitate and stabilize patients by using advanced life support techniques, administer IVs, drugs and oxygen, and apply splints, and also assist with complex hospital transfers.

## **DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PARAMEDIC?**

Aptitudes required for work of this nature are good physical stamina, endurance, and body condition that would not be adversely affected by frequently having to walk, stand, lift, carry, and balance at times, in excess of 125 pounds. Motor coordination is necessary because over uneven terrain, the patient's, paramedic's, and other workers' well being must not be jeopardized.

To enter the program, students must have a high school or equivalency diploma, current CPR card, have successfully completed EMT-Basic and passed the National Registry Exam.

## **WHAT IS THE PARAMEDIC TECHNICIAN PROGRAM LIKE AT NICOLET?**

In a collaborative effort to offer this course, Nicolet has joined with Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. Students can obtain their CPR certification, enroll in EMT-Basic, take the National Registry Exam, and enroll in Gen-Ed requirements for the Paramedic course at Nicolet College. |

One option for students is to take the core portion of the Paramedic program in the Nicolet district, held on specific evenings over a period of two years.

Another option is for students to complete CPR, EMT-Basic, and Gen-Ed classes at Nicolet, but attend Northcentral Technical College in Wausau to complete the Paramedic program over the course of one year.

### **WHAT ABOUT FURTHERING MY EDUCATION?**

Students can use Gen-Ed credits earned toward other healthcare degrees or move into other areas such as Flight Paramedic or other specialty fields. Graduates must complete Paramedic Refreshers according to guidelines.

### **ARE THERE JOBS AVAILABLE?**

After graduation, various jobs are available through fire departments, healthcare providers, or public and private ambulance services. In order to secure a position with a fire department, students would have to be certified in Firefighter I and possibly Firefighter II.

### **WHAT IS THE MEDIAN WAGE FOR PARAMEDIC TECHNICIANS?**

Starting wage varies from \$26,000 to \$44,000 per year depending on location and qualifications.