What Can I Do With A Major In: Emergency Medical Care

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DESCRIPTION

A degree in Emergency Medical Care prepares individuals to recognize, assess, and manage medical emergencies in prehospital settings and to supervise Ambulance personnel. Includes instruction in basic, intermediate, and advanced EMT procedures.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Paramedics	Shift Supervisor	EMS Instructor
Fire Specialist	Fire Engineer	Nurse
Emergency Medical Technician	Training Officer	Rescue Squad
Critical Care Transport Specialist	Ambulance Strike Team Leader	Firefighter EMT
Ambulance Strike Team Responder	Emergency Services Director	Program Director
Pediatric Life Support Instructor	EMS Director	Clinical Coordinator
Urgent Care EMT	Assistant Director	Operations Manager
Air Medical Telecommunicator	Rescue Operations Supervisor	Transport Team
Critical Care Paramedic	Adjunct Instructor	Education coordinator
Critical Care Transport Paramedic	Training Coordinator	Billing Coordinator

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?

Public & private ambulance services | Fire & police departments | Hospitals | Large industries | City health agencies | Park services | Ski patrols | Air ambulances

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?

Independent Worker | Comprehensive Grammar and Vocabulary | Curiosity and Creativity | Formulated Ideas and Concepts | Oral & Written Communication | Viewing From Other Perspectives | Analytical and Synthetical Reasoning | Concentration | Problem Solving | Analyze Cause and Effect | Teamwork

KNOWLEDGE

1. Identify and clearly articulate philosophical arguments, uncover and challenge hidden assumptions, and evaluate adequate and inadequate solutions to a wide range of complex problems.
2. Analyze the strengths, weaknesses, and implications of a wide array of moral theories, and apply these theories to contemporary moral problems.
3. Recognize the origins and historical development, continuity/discontinuity, and cultural conditions characterizing important texts, theories, individuals, movements and institutions in the history of philosophy.
4. Identify and clearly articulate the major texts, figures, movements, and institutions in the history of some religious traditions.
5. Distinguish and use interpretive, explanatory, and evaluative approaches to religious beliefs and practices.
6. Analyze connections between religion and other cultural practices and institutions (e.g., politics, gender, economics, race).

Interested in the classes you'll be taking? Check you your eight semester program here: http://www.wcu.edu/academics/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/hhs-schools-depts/healthsci/health-sciences-majors/emc/emc-curriculum/eight-semester-plan-for-b.s.-in-emergency-medical-care-science-concentration.asp

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- Natoinal Association of EMS Physicians: http://www.naemsp.org/Pages/default.aspx
- Natoinal Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians: http://www.nremt.org/
- WCU Emergency Medical Care Program: http://www.wcu.edu/academics/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/hhs-schools-depts/healthsci/health-sciences-majors/emc/
- Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the "Groups You May Like" link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- North Carolina Office of EMS: http://www.ncems.org/
- North Carolina EMS Jobs: https://news.ncems.org/
- WCU Emergency Medical Care Online Resources: http://www.wcu.edu/academics/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/hhs-schools-depts/healthsci/health-sciences-majors/emc/emc-resources-and-links.asp

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