Paramedic Program

The Paramedic Program at NWACC is an advanced level program for those who have obtained EMT certification from the Arkansas Department of Health or the National Registry of EMTs.

This program is designed to give students the skills necessary to perform the life-saving duties of a Paramedic. Upon completion of this program, students will be qualified to test for Arkansas Certification. This certification is nationally recognized and may transfer to other states as well. Students in this program will also complete:

- ➤ Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
- ➤ Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

Students will work in the area hospitals as well as on a paramedic-level ambulance. Upon completion of the Certificate Program, the student will have earned 50 credit hours applicable toward an Associate of Applied Science Degree. An additional 27 hours is required if the student wishes to obtain an Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Admission Requirements

The Paramedic Program has developed specific admission standards. Although Anatomy and Physiology I and II are no longer prerequisites to the program, it is of great benefit to the student to have completed these courses <u>prior</u> to entering the program. Success rates are much higher for students who have this basic knowledge.

Due to limited enrollment in this program, students must go through a selection process. Those steps are listed below:

- 1. Turn in a completed Paramedic Program Application Packet by the first Monday in March. Packets are available in the Allied Health Department in January.
- 2. Complete a standardized Allied Health aptitude test
- 3. Successful completion of a written and practical entrance exam.
- 4. Have current EMT-Basic Certification.

Students must complete the selection process before admittance into the Paramedic Program. The EMS Programs Selection Committee determines selection. A copy of the selection process is available upon request.

Contact Jamin Snarr, EMS Programs Director, at (479) 619-4251 or e-mail at <u>jsnarr@nwacc.edu</u> for more information on the Paramedic Program.

The Allied Health Department website is www.nwacc.edu/academics/alliedhealth.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to qualified applicants. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (479) 619-4329 for more information.