

Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse, (PHRN) Certificate - Noncredit

Workforce Development and Continuing Education/Healthcare Education

The Pre-hospital Registered Nurse (PHRN) is a 328-hour program (classroom / remote instruction + clinical time) that provides the knowledge and skills required to allow a Registered Nurse (RN) with the opportunity to become an advanced level Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider. This program serves as an introduction to EMS, while teaching students the overall roles and responsibilities of the PHRN, utilizing their background in nursing education and clinical experiences.

After completion of this program, the student is eligible to attend a Pennsylvania Department of Health/National Registry of EMT's psychomotor exam and complete the National Registry of EMT's Paramedic Assessment exam. The curricular content is delivered through classroom lecture, discussion, practical application in integrated lab sessions, and competency testing.

This certificate can be completed at the Harrisburg Campus.

Career Opportunities

PHRNs are employed by both public and private organizations

- Ambulance companies
- Critical care transport providers
- Air medical services

PHRNs function at a similar capacity to that of a Paramedic

Patient care experience as a PHRN provides valuable insight in both academic and clinical components of other specialty areas of nursing.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Rapidly assess injuries and illnesses
- Provide appropriate care to patients based upon assessment findings
- Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and utilize both manual and automated defibrillators
- Describe the indications, contraindications, dosage and route of administration for identified medications
- Identify and treat all types of shock
- Control external hemorrhage
- Provide care of musculoskeletal injuries
- Manage various medical emergencies
- Properly lift and move patients
- Demonstrate competency in both basic and advanced airway management and trauma treatment techniques
- Determine the most appropriate method to transport patients to the emergency department
- Successfully complete the requirements for Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), International Trauma Life Support (ITLS), and Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVDT).

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must submit a completed program application which includes the items listed below at least 30-days prior to the start of the program.

1. Background checks
 - a. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History background check
 - b. Department of Human Services Child Abuse Report
 - c. Federal (F.B.I.) Criminal History Report
2. Certifications / Licenses
 - a. Current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer CPR certification (that would remain current throughout the duration of the program)
 - b. Current PA Driver's License
 - c. Current licensure as an R.N.
3. HACC Health Examination form
4. 12 Panel drug tox screen
5. Personal Interview

All prospective students should reference HACC's Prohibitive Offense Policy to determine their eligibility for the PHRN program.