

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

NOOD MEDIESE SORG

CAREER INFORMATION

The emergency care practitioner (Paramedic) provides the first link in the critically ill or injured patients "chain of survival".

It is the paramedic's responsibility to render advanced life support to critically ill or injured patients in the pre-hospital emergency environment.

Paramedics must be able to perform their duties in difficult and potentially dangerous situations, and as such need to be mentally and physically fit, as well as being able to make split second decisions.

The career is a demanding one, but the rewards of a successful response call far outweigh the daily trials and tribulations.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each Institution has its own entrance requirements.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Mathematics, Biology and Physical Science.

A part-time programme is available for in-service learners.

TRAINING

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

The NDip: Emergency Medical Care is a three year course. The course includes a great deal of practical training and enables candidates to register as emergency care technologists after completion of the course.

FURTHER TRAINING

Ambulance and emergency care workers receive in-service training. The Basic Ambulance Course (BAC) extends over four weeks and is offered at various centres country-wide. In this course ambulance and emergency care workers are introduced to and trained in basic life-support and the equipment used in an ambulance. Successful completion of this course serves as admission to the next course.

REGISTRATION

Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

QUALIFICATIONS

NDip: Emergency Medical Care

BTech: Emergency Medical Care

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities exist in:

- Provincial and local authority emergency services
- Private ambulance service
- South African National Defence Force
- South African Police Services
- Mining industry • Emergency services abroad.

LOOPBAANINLIGTING

Die nood mediese sorg praktisyn (Paramedikus) is vir die kritieke siek of beseerde pasiënt die eerste skakel in die "ketting van oorlewing".

Dit is die paramedici se verantwoordelikheid om aan die kritieke pasiënt gevorderde mediese ondersteuning te gee, voordat die pasiënt by die hospitaal kom.

Paramedici moet in staat wees om onder moeilike en gevaarlike omstandighede hul diens te verrig. Hulle moet geestelik en fisiek gesond wees, en die vermoë hê om vinnig besluite te neem.

Alhoewel dit 'n veeleisende loopbaan is, weeg die beloning van 'n suksesvolle taakuitvoering swaarder as die daaglikse beproewings.

TOELATINGSVEREISTES

Elke Instansie het sy eie toelatingsvereistes.

SKOOLVAKKE

Wiskunde, Biologie en Natuur- en Skeikunde.

Daar is deeltydse programme beskikbaar vir in-diens leerders.

OPLEIDING

UNIVERSITEIT VIR TEGNOLOGIE

Die NDip: Nood Mediese Sorg is 'n drie-jaar kursus. 'n Groot deel van die kursus behels praktiese opleiding en stel die kandidaat in staat om te registreer as 'n nood sorg tegnoloog na die voltooiing van die kursus.

VERDERE OPLEIDING

Ambulans en nood sorg werkers ontvang in-diens opleiding. Die Basiese Ambulans Kursus strek oor vier weke en word landwyd by verskeie sentrums aangebied. In hierdie kursus word ambulans en nood sorg werkers blootgestel en opgelei in basiese bystand en die gebruik van toerusting in 'n ambulans. Suksesvolle voltooiing van hierdie kursus dien as toelating tot die volgende kursus.

REGISTRASIE

Registrasie by die Raad vir Gesondheidsberoepes van Suid-Afrika.

KWALIFIKASIES

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LOOPBAANGELEENTHEDE

Geleentede bestaan by:

- Nooddienste van die provinsiale en plaaslike owerhede
- Privaat ambulansdienste
- Suid-Afrikaanse Nasionale Weermag
- Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie diens
- Mynbou nywerhede • Nooddienste oorsee.

