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Classes are taught by The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences faculty, as well as paramedics, physicians, nurses, and other regional specialists in specific fields of pre-hospital care.

Field experience with regional advanced life support units will be arranged with preceptors approved by the Hospital.

Tuition. Tuition and fees may change each year.

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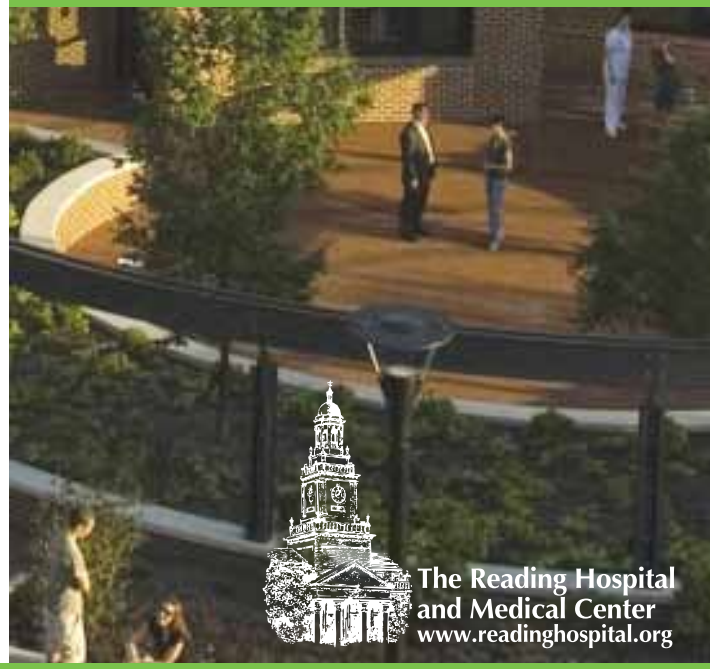

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When life is on the line, seconds count.

And when an individual needs immediate life-saving treatment, Paramedics are this community's first contact for advanced emergency medical care.

The Paramedic Education Program at The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences gives students the opportunity to combine their educational and work experience in the community and in the Hospital. From this combination students gain an understanding of continuity of care – from first contact with the patient in the field until discharge from the hospital.

The Program includes didactic, clinical, and field experiences provided by The Reading Hospital and Medical Center in cooperation with advanced life support services in the Eastern Pennsylvania EMS and neighboring regions. Upon graduation, students are qualified to take the National Registry Exam for paramedics.

The Paramedic Education Program admits new classes every fall. The deadline for completed applications is February 1.

Enrollment is limited to certified Emergency Medical Technicians with at least one year of experience in emergency care. Qualified applicants are admitted to the Program on a rolling basis. Admission to the Program will be based on the following:

- current EMT certification in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- one-year experience as an EMT
- completion of EMT exam with a minimum score of 80%
- completion of a math pre-test with a minimum score of 80%
- recommendations: "recommend with confidence" rating

Qualified applicants may be required to complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), a pre-admission examination.

Goals. The Paramedic Training Program aims to provide the highest level of prehospital care training in advanced life support, as well as to orient prehospital care providers to their professional status in the community.

Program Details. Classes are conducted Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with frequent Saturday sessions each month, throughout the 11-month Program. Every attempt is made to schedule clinical rotations at times convenient to the student.

Curriculum. Our Program exceeds the national standards outline, and follows the National EMS Educational Blueprint. The Program also exceeds all state and regional course requirements for paramedic education.

Topics of instruction include:

- Prehospital Environment
- Trauma Emergencies
- Medical Emergencies
- OB/GYN Emergencies
- Behavioral Emergencies