TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

As with any profession, there exist certain physical, cognitive, and behavioral standards required to perform the job of a Paramedic effectively. All students applying for the Program should be aware of these standards and requirements and be able to meet and accomplish these standards.

PHYSICAL

- Be able to lift and carry up to 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance).
- Maintain balance and negotiate off-level surfaces, ramps, and stairs.
- Coordinate motor movements and hand/eye movements.
- Maneuver in small, confined areas.

COGNITIVE AND COMMUNICATION

- Think critically to solve problems.
- Recall, analyze and integrate information from a variety of sources.
- Communicate with individuals from diverse social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
- Communicate verbally over telephone and radio.
- Calculate weight and volume ratios; read small print; understand GPS, road maps, and manuals written in the English language.
- Interview patient, family members, and bystanders for specific clinical information.

BEHAVIORAL

- Work effectively as part of a team.
- Use good judgement and remain calm in high stress situations.
- Modify one’s own behavior if it interferes with others, or with the learning environment.

Demonstrate compassion & empathy, integrity & honesty, respect & tolerance.