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

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