Course Overview
The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course is designed to prepare the basic EMT in accordance with the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards and the New Jersey Department of Health guidelines. This course covers an introductory survey of emergency medical services, including medical terminology, legal/ethical aspects, role of the EMT, patient assessment, care of wounds and fractures, airway maintenance, medical and environmental emergencies, patient transportation, emergency childbirth, and basic extrication. This course is required for individuals seeking a career in Emergency Medical Services. After successful completion of the course, participants are eligible to take the New Jersey State Department of Health examination for state certification as an EMT-B. The EMT course also includes a prerequisite class, CPR for the Healthcare Provider, with certification through the American Heart Association.

Schedule Overview:
Start Date: Saturday, January 17, 2015
End Date: Saturday, May 9, 2015
Orientation: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm on the Paterson Campus of PCCC
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights, plus seven Saturdays
Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm; Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Location: Public Safety Academy at 300 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ. Students must have their own reliable transportation since there is no public transportation to the building.

Program Requirements Include but Are Not Limited To:
- U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or eligibility to work
- Ability to pass a criminal background check
- Tuberculosis Skin Test (PPD test) with negative results
- Financial eligibility: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or General Assistance recipient or low income as determined by federal poverty guidelines
- High school diploma or GED
- Qualifying scores on the TABE test or Accuplacer test (College-level reading; advanced –level math)
- Note: The goal of this program is employment and a valid NJ driver’s license and a clean driving record are needed to obtain employment as an EMT.

The Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG) program is a demonstration project funded by the Federal government. The primary goal of this project is to provide training and support to help people improve their skills and find better jobs. In order to learn what works, the Federal government is conducting a study requiring every person eligible for HPOG to be selected through a lottery system. Those not selected through the lottery will not be able to participate in HPOG, but will be able to enroll in any other services or programs for which they are eligible.

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