



PARKLAND COLLEGE EMS PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND HEALTH FORM

Students matriculating in and graduating from a Parkland College EMS health career program (EMR, EMT, or Paramedic) must be able to meet the Essential Qualifications of the academic program and must not pose a threat to the well-being of patients, other students, staff, or themselves. As an incoming EMS student you will need, at a minimum, the following types of skills and abilities and will need to maintain and demonstrate these abilities throughout the program.

Students are encouraged to discuss their specific academic needs with the course instructor/program director prior to beginning a course of study. Consultation between Accessibility Services, the student and the program director are encouraged in order to address concerns.

- Motor strength and coordination to stand/walk for sustained periods of time; potentially within confined spaces.
- Ability to bend, stoop, crawl, stand, carry, and balance on uneven or rough terrain.
- Frequent moving, lifting and transferring patients in excess of 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance)
- Exert up to 50 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently and/or 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects
- Provide direct patient care and emergency treatment including cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- Manual dexterity in handling and lifting equipment.
- Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care.
- Ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold, and moisture.
- Ability to work in low light and confined spaces.
- Utilize English language skills to effectively communicate (express, understand, and exchange information and ideas) with individuals in all health care professions
- Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess patients' needs and to understand instructions, emergency signals, and telephone conversation accurately. Visual and tactile ability sufficient to accurately observe and assess patients' need for care.
- Detect and respond appropriately to odors to maintain environmental safety and provide for patient needs (e.g. foul smelling drainage, alcohol breath, smoke, gasses or noxious smells)

For a full list of the essential qualifications please visit our website at:

<https://www.parkland.edu/Portals/3/Health%20Professions/Documents/EMS/EMS%20TAS.pdf?ver=2017-10-19-152455-043×tamp=1508519640196>

If you have any concerns regarding these standards, please email healthrecord@parkland.edu.

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Parkland Community College
Department of Health Professions
Physical Exam *(to be completed by a qualified health care provider)*

The student named below is entering a Health Profession program and must be able to meet the **Essential Qualifications** as listed on page 1 and 2 of this form.

Name _____ Gender: M F DOB: ___/___/___

Height _____ Weight _____ BP _____ Pulse _____

	Normal	Abnormal	<i>IF abnormal</i> , will it affect the student's ability to meet the Essential Qualifications listed?
Appearance			
Head/neck			
Skin			
Ears			
Hearing			
Eyes			
Vision			
Nose			
Mouth/Teeth/ Throat			
Respiratory			
Cardiovascular			
Gastrointestinal			
Genitourinary			
Musculoskeletal			
Endocrine			
Neurological			

History of back injury or back problems? Yes No

If yes, will it affect the student's ability to meet the **Essential Qualifications** listed? Yes No

Is the student able to lift 50 pounds? Yes No

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER VERIFYING PHYSICAL EXAMINATION	
Based upon my exam and knowledge of this student, I believe he/she can perform the Essential Qualifications as outlined on page 1 and 2 of this form: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, please explain:	

Name and credentials (print) _____	Signature _____
Date _____ Telephone _____	Official provider stamp here:

**student: submit copy to [Castle Branch](#) as directed*