

## EMT-B COURSE DESCRIPTION

This Advanced Placement science credit prepares students to become a PA Certified Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B). It is a prerequisite to the EMT-Paramedic Program. Harrisburg Area Community College has an articulation agreement with ELCO to provide students that successfully attain EMT State Certification through ELCO, college credits (3 credits for the class and 1 credit for one year of EMS experience) at their institution. These credits could be transferable to the school the student attends after graduation.

This course will set the student apart from other applicants pursuing any career but particularly in the medical field and will be invaluable in their preparation to enter those careers. It will enable the student to obtain a full time, part time or volunteer job as an EMT. One of the objectives of this course is to provide the students with opportunities to explore allied health programs offered by other educational institutions. Additionally, the student will be provided with the necessary skills enabling him/her to successfully deal with emergency situations occurring at school or in their personal life, as well as, to perform a community service. Students will be required to attend some evening classes and purchase supplies and books needed for this course.

**This course as well as the actual EMT experience is an outstanding resume builder!**

## SKILLS THAT ARE LEARNED

- Safety at emergency scenes
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Patient assessment and treatment
- Assisting patients with medications
- Treatment for shock
- Bandaging and splinting
- Medical emergencies (heart attacks, strokes and even childbirth)
- Automatic External Defibrillator use
- Environmental emergencies

Fifty to seventy-five individuals per year volunteer to help prepare our students!

## UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

- Respond to REAL emergency calls with a First Aid & Safety Patrol Paramedic that is stationed in the classroom.
- Observe all aspects of patient care in local hospital emergency departments
- Staff our in-house Emergency Response Team
- Participate in a vehicle rescue class where the student will learn to dismantle cars to gain quick access to victims including breaking glass, removing the roof and doors.

These opportunities will give students experience with “real life” situations to better shape and fulfill their training.

**Although this course is listed as an Advanced Placement credit, individuals of all abilities (special needs to advanced placement) with a strong desire to achieve State EMT Certification should feel confident to enroll in this course. In the past, students of all levels have successfully completed this program and**

## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

### MR. DAVID M. KIRCHNER

- 30 years as a professional high school educator
- 29 years as an EMT Instructor and EMT Course Coordinator
- 30 years of EMS experience
- Active member of the Myerstown First Aid Unit
- Former member of the Lebanon and Hershey EMS units
- 1998 EHSF of South-central PA Regional EMS Award
- 1994 Pennsylvania EMS Instructor of the Year
- 1994 ELCO Teacher of the Year
- Local, national, and international consultant for EMS Programs
- Published article in Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS)
- Former Vice-President and current Chair of EMS Education Committee for Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC)

## WHO SHOULD JOIN EMT?

- Are you a caring individual?
- Do you enjoy a challenge?
- Are you a team player?
- Do you enjoy the rush of adrenaline?
- Do you enjoy being an active and respected part of the community?
- Would you get enjoyment in knowing that you made a difference in someone’s life?

**IF SO, EMT IS FOR YOU!**