

Hocking Tech Gets Accreditation For EMT-Paramedic Program

The Ohio Board of Regents has granted full accreditation to the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) program at Hocking Technical College.

According to Dr. Richard Mitchell, vice president of instruction, HTC is the first technical college in Ohio to receive this approval by the regents. To date, most accredited programs have been based in hospitals.

To students enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technology, accreditation will mean better job opportunities.

The EMT-P program can be completed in one year, and students can obtain jobs after finishing the training. Or they can continue in the technology for another year, receive an associate degree, then enter the field at a more advanced level.

EMT's are trained to rescue and treat victims of all types of medical emergencies ranging from heart attacks to automobile accidents.

A new and growing service throughout the United States, there are opportunities for graduates in governmental and privately owned ambulance services, hospitals, industry and related services in fire and police departments, forest and recreation areas.

Hocking Tech students get on-the-job training at O'Bleness Hospital, Athens; Mount St. Mary Hospital, Nelsonville; Athens Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center; Hocking

Valley Community Hospital, Logan; Ross Memorial Medical Center Hospital, Chillicothe; Holzer Medical Center, Gallipolis, and Southeast Ohio Emergency Medical Service.