

Essential Skills Emergency Medical Services

(Paramedic/EKG/EMT/Medical Assisting/Phlebotomy/Healthcare Navigator)

The essential skill sheets are lists of the most commonly encountered qualities and skills typically necessary to be successful in a particular program or area of interest. The information contained in an essential skills sheet is not all-inclusive and is intended to be used as a guide only. Individual programs may have specific requirements or technical standards that must be met.

Physical

See objects 20 inches to more than 20 feet away

Distinguish colors and changes in its variation

Feel differences in surface characteristics

Detect odors (faint, strong, noxious)

Maintain balance (sit, stand, squat)

Pinch, grasp, squeeze, and manipulate objects

Push, pull, lift, and/or support up to 125 pounds

Maintain safety of self and others

Maintain physical endurance

Sustain repetitive movements

Move within confined spaces

Stand/walk for long periods of time

Reach above shoulders

Reach below waist

Sit for long periods of time

Push, pull, lift and/or support a minimum of 25 pounds

Push, pull, lift, and/or support up to 125 pounds

Write with pen/pencil

Key/Type

Twist Bend

Climb

Move quickly

Sit for long periods of time

Feel vibrations

Use peripheral vision

Cognitive

Provide emotional support to others

Cope with unexpected situations and emotions

Perform multiple responsibilities concurrently

Apply knowledge from one situation to another

Accurately recall information

Combine knowledge and skills

Negotiate interpersonal conflict

Focus attention on task

Adaptability

Process information

Evaluate outcomes

Problem solve

Evaluate the complexity of jobs

Organize tasks to meet deadlines (hourly, daily, long-term)

Sequence outcomes

Focus attention on task

Tell time

Take measurements using specialized equipment

Count whole numbers Measure weight or mass Measure temperature

Measure liquid volume

Measure time

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Communication

Read, write, speak, and comprehend English effectively

Verbalize clear and appropriate information to others

Influence others

Direct activities of others

Explain procedures

Communicate in a professional/tactful manner

Communicate using a telephone

Communicate using a two-way radio

Communicate in a professional/tactful manner

Record written information

Behavioral

Exhibit honesty and fairness

Establish rapport with others

Promote physical and emotional well-being of others

Exhibit patience

Maintain professional boundaries

Maintain professional appearance

Respect social, cultural, and spiritual diversity

Exhibit compassion

Work carefully while maintaining efficiency and organization

Respect individual values/opinions without showing bias or preference

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Other Cleared background investigation/drug screen (see program for specifics) May be on call or work nights, weekends, and holidays See program or desired area of employment for specifics - Piercings See program or desired area of employment for specifics - Certifications/Licenses See program or desired area of employment for specifics - Immunizations See program or desired area of employment for specifics - Prerequisites

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