

BC3 open house to showcase upcoming EMS training programs

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College on Dec. 18 will host an open house for students interested in emergency medical technician and emergency medical responder certification training programs that begin in January, and in an advanced emergency medical technician course that starts in mid-spring.

Open house guests can tour classrooms and view equipment used during instruction by BC3's Emergency Medical Services, accredited by the state Department of Health's Bureau of EMS, and meet instructors from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 110 of the Science and Technology Building on BC3's main campus in Butler Township.

A 184-hour EMT program scheduled from Jan. 7 to May 13 will provide basic training in all aspects of emergency medical care that an EMT is permitted to provide in Pennsylvania. Classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on some Saturdays. A hybrid version of the program, which offers online instruction and four mandatory weekend lab sessions on BC3's main campus, begins Jan. 10.

The hybrid version "is ideal for students who cannot commit to all 184 hours in a classroom setting due to family or work obligations," said Kristina Lynch, a registered nurse and EMS specialist at BC3.

A 68-hour EMR program set for Jan. 17 to May 9 will provide entry-level emergency training in those aspects of emergency medical care that an EMR is permitted to provide in the state. Classes are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays.

EMT and EMR classes will be held in BC3's Science and Technology Building and require online homework. Registration for each certification training program is under way and closes Jan. 4.

The EMT program costs \$700 and the EMR program, \$350.

Students who successfully complete BC3's training programs must take psychomotor and cognitive exams through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to obtain certification.

BC3 is planning a mid-spring advanced EMT program for EMTs whose Pennsylvania certifications are current and in good standing. The course, which will combine classroom and online instruction, and simulations and clinical experiences with approved facilities or services,

will provide students with the knowledge and skills of advanced patient assessment and treatment of the sick and injured.

Those interested in attending the Dec. 18 open house can RSVP at bc3.edu/ems.

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