

Specialty: Professional Development



Education and Training

Who “trains the trainer”?

Without question, individuals who have a passion for learning and commitment to high quality patient care! Professional Development Officers (PDOs), a curiosity for research and improving the care we can provide in the prehospital environment. Once in the role, there is an expectation to become an instructor in many, or all, of the certifications that paramedics require (i.e., ITLS, BLS, ACLS, PALS). As well as furthering our own professional development when it comes to adult education.

Roles and Responsibilities

The oversight of the day-to-day clinical aspects for all paramedics. Often responsible for planning and coordinating all education required for licensure of all paramedics requiring careful planning, budgeting and scheduling so all paramedics have the opportunity to attend educational sessions. Along with peer educators, efforts are to offer a variety of topics of continuous learning and development of paramedics. In addition, the provision of training on any new equipment and any changes to practice (i.e., new protocols, new medications, etc.). It is always a busy place as we keep up with evidence-based changes and required training.

Impact

With the extensive training provided, paramedics are well prepared to provide the highest level of care to the people served. Paramedics are also involved in many research initiatives locally and nationally to help drive the profession forward.

Little Known Fact

Paramedicine is life-long learning!

Professional development isn't just confined to the classroom, it is continuous. In the classroom, in the ambulance, at lunch and sometimes even in the bathroom, called Lavatory Learning! Many hours of education is provided in many organizations and many paramedics expand that foundation to many other enrichment opportunities throughout their profession.



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