Thank you for your interest in the 2020-2021 NCH Paramedic Program!

Please read this message completely as it will give you information about applying for pre-entrance testing and filing an application for the next paramedic class.
Clearly, with the current world-wide pandemic and continued restrictions on social distancing, we are making some modifications for this year and appreciate your understanding and compliance.

STEP 1: Contact **Pamela Ross** to open a file, receive a student demographic questionnaire and confirm a date for EMT Validation Exam testing.

Phone: 847-618-4482 or **e-mail**: pross@nch.org

- Time: Testing is held every Tuesday morning from 9 to 11 am.
- Location: 901 Kirchoff Center (see attached map) in the first floor conference room.
- There are a maximum of 6 seats available for testing each day.
- Pre-requisites: You must have submitted your EMT demographic form, a copy of your current EMT Provisional Privileges letter or IDPH EMT license, and current CPR card to Pam before you will be allowed to test.

Test information:
The exam is composed of 100 multiple choice questions similar to those contained in an EMT final written exam.
See attached blueprint for distribution of topics to be tested.
You will be given 100 minutes to complete the exam.
You must achieve a minimum score of 80% to be eligible to apply for the program.
For those NOT employed by a Northwest Community EMS System Provider Agency and currently assigned to a NWC EMSS vehicle, first attempt Validation Exam scores are used to rank applicants selected into the program after Harper College files are complete. Please study before taking the test the first time! First impressions count!

On the day of testing
You must report to the EMS offices on the first floor wearing a CDC approved cloth or surgical mask and remain at least six feet apart from other applicants and any EMS staff.
You will been screened for illness and we will take your temperature using an infrared, non-touch thermometer.
If you have any S&S of illness and/or a fever, you will not be allowed into the building and will not be tested on that date.
We will provide all writing implements and testing materials. Please do not bring anything else with you.
You may not have any electronic devices with you during the exam. Either leave them in your vehicle or you will be asked to place them in a container in the secretary's office.
We will visually observe you perform hand hygiene prior to entrance into the testing environment.

Step 2: If you pass the Validation exam, you will be given further information on the remaining entrance requirements and directions for filing a Program Application with Harper College.

Course information

- A full class for NCH is usually 30 students, but fully depends on the number of internship positions made available by our provider agencies.
- You ARE NOT to seek out a sponsorship relationship with ANY EMS agency. You will not be assigned to any EMS agency that employs a family member.
- The fall course calendar is being redesigned will be available soon.
  We are preparing two models: One with in class instruction as usual and one for starting the year with virtual learning
- Students must have access to an electronic device with a camera and microphone to participate in live presentations remotely.
- We anticipate class starting the second week of September and ending June of 2021

- Classes are generally conducted 4-5 days per week from 9 am to 5 pm.
- Course tuition is set by Harper College per credit hour. All NCH students are assessed in-district tuition fees.

Information about our program is posted to the EMS System website: www.nwcemss.org , please feel free to check us out any time!
Let me know via email if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

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