

Essential job functions for a PM generally require:

Language

- Ability to read, analyze, and interpret policies, procedures, professional publications and governmental regulations
- Ability to write reports and business correspondence
- Ability to make presentations and communicate effectively with patients, peers, preceptors, supervisors, and on-line medical control
- Possess strong listening skills
- Strong emotional and social intelligence with the ability to handle sensitive situations and confidential information

Mathematical functions

- Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure using whole numbers, common fractions and decimals

Reasoning ability

- Ability to solve practical problems while dealing with several abstract and concrete variables
- Understand and able to appropriately apply an extensive variety of complex technical and instructional material
- Make accurate assumptions and determine a plan of care within limits set for time-sensitive patients
- Make reasonable and logical conclusions from information which may be conflicting or disjointed

Possess the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to

- operate basic and advanced life support equipment with safety and precision
- operate complex communications equipment; and
- enter data into and retrieve data from a computer using System-approved software and meeting System standards of competency.

Physical demands

- Sit, stand, walk, run, crawl, squat, bend, kneel, climb stairs and into and out of EMS vehicles, lift moderate to heavy objects, perform chest compressions.
- Frequent talking
- (Corrected) vision to 20/30 in at least one eye with color discrimination for at least red, amber, and green, and the ability to differentiate skin colors and the color of various body fluids.
- (Amplified) hearing adequate to hear conversational speech and accurately assess BPs, lung, bowel, and heart sounds
- Sufficient strength, endurance, conditioning and motor control to walk and carry patients/EMS gear over rugged, uneven terrain and up and down stairs; lift patients with one partner (up to 250 lbs.) safely onto a stretcher, move a patient on a stretcher up or down at least 2 flights of stairs; reach and pull in an ambulance; move them from the point of patient contact to the receiving location; and to perform at least two minutes of quality manual CPR with two minute breaks between compression sets for at least 30 minutes.

- Have manual strength and dexterity sufficient to type assignments and ePCRs and safely perform all assessments and skills to the standards specified in the course procedure manual

Work environment

Considerable health and physical strength is necessary to perform the duties of a paramedic. Though safety measures are implemented whenever possible and a culture of safety is embraced, there remain numerous unavoidable aspects of a paramedic's job that may place the individual at risk of personal illness or injury. These include, but are not limited to:

- Driving an emergency vehicle using lights and sirens
- Exposure to hostile or combative patients and other individuals
- Response to violent crime scenes
- Response to incidents involving chemical, radiological, biologic, and explosive hazards
- Exposure to communicable diseases
- Danger from moving traffic at highway/roadway incidents
- Exposure to contaminated sharps and medical waste
- Performance of certain high-risk procedures in the delivery of patient care
- Noise level is moderate to high
- Temperature level will vary from extreme cold to extreme heat
- Moisture level will vary from extreme dry to rain, snow and ice, and may require immersion in water

If reasonable accommodation is to be exercised by a qualified individual with a disability using products, appliances, or personnel, it is the student's responsibility to acquire the resources for their personal use due to the cost of the accommodation needs.