
**SUMMARY of ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS
IN THE EMT-PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

Essential function

Student Performance Requirements

Ability to use senses

Visual acuity with corrective lenses to:

Identify color changes in skin, respiratory movement in clients, read fine print/writing on physicians' orders, monitors, equipment calibrations, measure medications in syringes, etc.

speaking

Hearing ability with auditory aids to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, telephone and radio orders; to hear blood pressure, heart, lung and abdominal sounds with a stethoscope; to understand a normal voice without viewing the speaker's face.

Motor ability

Physical ability to walk long distances, kneel, sit and stand for prolonged periods; to lift, move, carry and transfer patients, equipment of 50lbs or more, to maneuver in limited spaces and over uneven terrain, to perform CPR, to provide routine and emergency patient care, to have fine manual dexterity and feeling ability of hands to manipulate instruments and equipment, prepare medications, perform IV's and other technical skills; ability to work in extremes of temperature, weather, and environment.

Ability to communicate

Ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form during interactions with clients, families, and health care workers; to write legibly and accurately when working with client's record for legal documentation.

Ability to problem-solve

Intellectual and conceptual ability for measuring, calculating, reasoning, analyzing, prioritizing, and synthesizing data; ability to assess and adapt safely to hazardous work environments.

Ability to maintain emotional stability

Ability to function effectively under stress and adapt to changing workplace situations.