

NorthWest Arkansas Community College

Standard Course Outline

Course Number and Title

EMTP 1012, Patient Assessment

Prerequisite

Admission into the paramedic program and enrolled as a student at NWACC

Course Description

This course will address the needs of the patient, the skills and knowledge necessary to carry out lifesaving practices, and identify priorities for the accomplishment of each. Included are a brief introduction, scene survey, primary survey, resuscitation, secondary survey, definitive field management, and re-evaluation. 16 actual classroom hours

Target Audience

Students admitted to the Paramedic Program

Credit Hours

2 credit hours / non-transferable

Instructional Material

“Paramedic Textbook”, -Current Edition

“Workbook for Paramedic Textbook”

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Identify information gathered in each of the six phases of patient assessment (pp. 166-200)
- List some potential scene hazards to rule out before patient care can safely begin (pp168)
- Explain the A, B, C, D and E method of the primary assessment (pp170-174)
- Compare and contrast the results of the primary assessment for trauma and medical patients (pp170-174)
- List, by anatomical area, each of the signs evaluated during the head- to-toe physical exam (pp178-189)
- List the four vital signs, and explain their significance to patient evaluation (pp191-194)
- Identify and discuss the information that can be elicited about the patient’s chief complaint by use of the OPQRST questions (pp197- 198)
- Identify and discuss the information that can be elicited about the patients past medical history by the use of the AMPLE questions (pp198-199)
- Demonstrate a complete patient assessment – from scene size-up to documentation of the call (pp166-203)