# A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic

## DESCRIPTION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES-PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

The Kingsborough Community College (KCC) Paramedic Program is a 60-credit Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic (EMS-P). While an emergency medical technician (EMT) provides basic pre-hospital care, an EMS-Paramedic is the highest level of provider in the pre-hospital setting. The New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS approved the KCC Paramedic Program on April 1, 2013, making it the first college-based program in Brooklyn. Graduates of KCC's paramedic program will be eligible to sit for the paramedic examination for NYC, NYS and the National Registry.

### SKILLS

**Critical Thinking.** Paramedics have to use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

**Communication.** Paramedics have to be able to effectively convey information when talking to others.

**Coordination.** Paramedics must be able to adjust their actions in relation to others.

## **CAREER INFORMATION**

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics care for the sick or injured in emergency medical settings. People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care provided by these workers. EMTs and paramedics respond to emergency calls, performing medical services and transporting patients to medical facilities. Paramedics are licensed healthcare professionals, able to provide advanced life support to patients before they reach a hospital.

## **EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK**

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Employment of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics is projected to grow 11 percent from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations.

About 20,700 openings for EMTs and paramedics are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

Emergencies, such as car crashes, natural disasters, and acts of violence, will continue to require the skills of EMTs and paramedics. The need for volunteer EMTs and paramedics in rural areas and smaller metropolitan areas will also continue.

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#### **CAREER PATH**

The median annual wage for EMTs and paramedics was \$36,930 in May 2021. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$28,320, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$60,000.

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https://kingsborough.emsicc.com/programs/emergency-medical-services-paramedic-ems-p-aas/190619

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