This pre-med major can be used to help further a degree in the paramedic, nursing, and other healthcare professions. For over 40 years, paramedics have functioned in the out-of-hospital environment, providing emergency care to people with life-threatening illness or injury. Today, the field of out-of-hospital medicine is expanding rapidly to include many aspects of patient care in addition to emergency management.

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Please note that admission to the program is competitive. Meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission to the program. Students are admitted into the emergency medicine program after successful completion of a minimum of 60 college credits, earn a minimum cumulative and prerequisite GPA of 2.5 and earn a minimum grade of C- in all courses designated as prerequisites.

Required Skills:
Communication (Oral & Written)
Quick Response Time
Patience
Problem Solving
Critical Thinking

Possible Employers:
Due to the ever changing health care industry and the integral part EMS has played in public safety, EMS will be more than a medical response in an emergency. It will play a vital role in improving the general health of the population in the community it serves.

Professional Organizations:
American Board of Emergency Medicine  www.abem.org/public
National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians  www.naemt.org
Association of Emergency Physicians  www.aep.org
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine  www.saem.org

Learn More About Careers in Emergency Medicine:
University of Pittsburgh Dept. of Emergency Medicine  www.emergencymedicine.health.pitt.edu/
ERbook.net  www.erbook.net
Career Services  http://www.upb.pitt.edu/career/
Students can identify their career goals by following the Pre-Emergency Medicine advising track however this is not an official Pitt-Bradford major. Students interested in this career must select an official major while completing the Pre-Emergency Medicine requirements.

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MINIMUM PREREQUISITES INCLUDE:

☐ ENG 0101 English Composition I
☐ ENG 0102 English Composition II
☐ COMM 0104 Public Speaking
☐ MATH 0098 College Algebra II
☐ PSY 0201 Statistics OR MATH 0133 Statistics OR ECON 0204 Statistical Methods
☐ MIS 0103 Micro computing for Management
☐ PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology
☐ Natural Science
☐ Humanities and Social Sciences (6 credit hours)
(AAnthology, Economics, Literature, Foreign Language, History, Music, Performing and Visual Arts, Philosophy, Religion or Sociology)

Recommended Courses:
☐ BIOL 0212/0222 Anatomy & Physiology I & lab
☐ BIOL 0213/0223 Anatomy & Physiology II & lab
☐ BIOL 0101 Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology
☐ BIOL 0203 Genetics
☐ HPRED 0108 Nutrition
☐ CHEM 0101 General Chemistry I
☐ CHEM 0102 General Chemistry II
☐ CHEM 0206/0207 Organic Chemistry I & lab
☐ CHEM 0208/0209 Organic Chemistry II & lab

Please note that transfer credits will be re-evaluated by the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Go to http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/EM/ for more information about the EM program at Pitt-Oakland.

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GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average, 120 Earned Credit Hours, 30 Hours of Upper Level Courses (1000 level or above)

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.