

# DAY LAKE WORTH

## PARAMEDIC APPLICATION

**AUGUST 2009 A, B, & C SHIFTS**  
(Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Shift Schedule)

**DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2009**

An Equal Opportunity Institution



PBCC at LAKE WORTH  
4200 Congress Avenue  
Lake Worth, FL 33461-4796

Application Questions: (561) 868-3044

Web Site: <http://www.pbcc.edu/ems.xml>

Your acceptance for selection MUST be viewed at  
[www.pbcc.edu/pantherweb.xml](http://www.pbcc.edu/pantherweb.xml)

under Limited Access Application Status.

**ALL communication will be sent to your my.pbcc.edu e-mail account including requests for missing information and all required acceptance documentation.**

### Program Information

**Lecture/Lab BEGINS:** A Shift – August 26, 2009 B Shift – August 21, 2009 C Shift – August 22, 2009

#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

This college credit certificate program is offered for the student who wishes to complete the core curriculum and be eligible for certification by the State of Florida to practice as a paramedic. Paramedics are trained to provide advanced life support in medical and trauma related emergencies. The course content includes lecture, skills lab and hospital/fire rescue rotations as outlined in the core requirements of the Emergency Medical Services A.S. degree program. Students MUST have Internet access.

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 42 College Credits; Approximately 1,100 hours; 3 semesters (excluding college observed holidays)

#### **PROGRAM SCHEDULE:**

This program is on the Palm Beach County Fire Fighter shift schedule.

Shift	Section	Schedule	Hours
<b>A SHIFT</b>	Lecture/Lab	A Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)	8:30am – 5:00pm*
	Clinical	B or C Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)	8:30am – 3:30pm*
<b>B SHIFT</b>	Lecture/Lab	B Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)	8:30am – 5:00pm*
	Clinical	A or C Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)	8:30am – 3:30pm*
<b>C SHIFT</b>	Lecture/Lab	C Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)	8:30am – 5:00pm*
	Clinical	A or B Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)	8:30am – 3:30pm*

This schedule averages 32 hours per week. \*Hours are subject to change in subsequent semesters. The summer semester is 14 weeks long. Clinical rotations include a combination of medical facility and fire rescue field experience (Fire Rescue starts at 7:30am). Further details of the schedule will be explained at orientation.

#### **PROGRAM LOCATIONS:**

Classes and labs will be held at the Lake Worth Location – 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida 33461  
Clinical sites will be designated per the Clinical Coordinator.

#### **WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM?**

\*Tuition and special fees (FL resident) \$ 3,800.00\*

\*These costs are approximate and subject to change.\*

\*Special Fees include lab materials and certificates (BLS, HIV/AIDS, ACLS, PHTLS, UM ACS, PALS).

\*Plus \$9.95 Medical Accident Insurance and \$17.50 Paramedic Liability Insurance each Fall semester.

\*Plus \$9 per semester of Access fee; includes parking decal. \*Plus \$75 Typhon (online skills tracking)

\*Does not include textbooks, uniforms, and pre-screening costs (drug screening, med exam & criminal background).

**Financial Aid** is available for this program and it is recommended that you apply early. You can apply online at [www.pbcc.edu/FinancialAid.xml](http://www.pbcc.edu/FinancialAid.xml). Students must complete a FASFA form <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to apply for any available PBCC Foundation scholarships <https://pbcc.scholarships.nelnet.net/>. Questions can be answered by calling (561)868-3573.

## Requirements for Consideration for Selection (continued from previous page)

The following are required for eligibility in the selection pool. Meeting criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the Paramedic program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. If a student is selected and does not enter the program, or is not selected, the student must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

**All documentation must be on file at the PBCC Admissions Office, Lake Worth, by July 15, 2009.**

### **APPLICATION**

**First-time PBCC Students:** Submit a completed PBCC general credit application at [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) (choose Admissions) and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. This one-time fee is \$20 for U.S. citizens, \$30 (U.S. currency) for international students and is non-refundable. Be sure to insert your current and active e-mail address where requested; be specific regarding your program of study. Once submitted, a confirmation page with conditions of admission will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the college application. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions within. Applicants must also submit the program application contained in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.

**Non first-time PBCC Students:** Must complete the program application in this packet and submit to the Admissions office. *Students on Academic Probation must see an advisor before applying. Students on Academic Suspension may not apply.*

### **EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER VERIFICATION FORM**

The applicant must complete and submit the Employment/Volunteer Verification Form with the Paramedic Application regardless of employment status.

### **EMT CERTIFICATE**

Copy of current certificate from State of Florida (or passing EMT test results) must be submitted with the Paramedic application. Students who are currently awaiting EMT Test Results will only be considered if there are vacancies after Florida certified EMT's have been accepted. **\*\*Subject to State Statute changes.\*\***

### **ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED**

Transcripts must be official and mailed directly from the previous institution to the **PBCC Admissions Office** showing proof of a standard high school diploma, GED, or validated foreign equivalent. All applicants – new, current, and college transfer students must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at PBCC. You may download the transcript request form from our website at [www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml](http://www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml). Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores using the downloaded form at [www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml](http://www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml).

### **COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS**

**Official college transcripts** (*transcripts are considered official if sent directly to PBCC from the previous institution or be hand-delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution*) from **ALL** post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted. You may download the transcript request form from our website at [www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml](http://www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml). All post-secondary records from out of the country must be submitted with a commercial evaluation. If you have attended college, we still require proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent. Commercial evaluation of foreign transcripts must be conducted by approved evaluators listed at [www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml](http://www.pbcc.edu/Transcripts.xml).

### **I/O SOLUTIONS PLACEMENT TEST**

Applicants must take the I/O Solutions National Firefighter Selection Inventory, within two years of the application deadline date and score at least a 70% grade competency level in order to be eligible for consideration for selection. Your scores are valid for two years. College testing information: 561/868-3795; study guides may be purchased at the Lake Worth college bookstore. Additional NFSI information may be located at [www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com](http://www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com).

**Exemptions:** Students with an Associate in Applied Science Degree or higher; students who have successfully completed the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST); or students who have already met the minimum cut scores, within the past two years, on the FCLEPT (CPT), SAT1 or ACT-E are exempt from the exam. Documentation required. There is a \$25.00 fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the testing center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam. **Testing Center: Lake Worth 561/868-3012**

### **ACCEPTED STUDENTS WILL NEED A CLEAR CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND, DRUG SCREENING AND ACCEPTABLE MEDICAL EXAM, COMPLETED AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, PRIOR TO STARTING THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM.**

*Details regarding this procedure will be discussed at the orientation.*

**EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER VERIFICATION FORM**

After all eligibility requirements for placement into the selection pool have been satisfied, the following point system will be utilized for selection into the program. Only one point value from each of the 5 categories will be awarded with the exception of category 5. In the event of a tie, a lottery selection system will be used.

All documentation must be on file at the PBCC Admissions Office, Lake Worth by the deadline date.

**I. RESIDENCY STATUS (Maximum Points-2)**

- Palm Beach County Resident ..... 2
- Florida Resident..... 1

**II. EMS/PUBLIC SAFETY WORK EXPERIENCE (Maximum Points-2)**

Must submit a completed (signed by employer) Employment/Volunteer Verification Form to receive points.

- Full-time..... 2
- Part-time..... 1
- Volunteer..... 1

**III. CURRENT STATUS (Maximum Points- 2)**

- Currently State of Florida Firefighter ..... 2
- The applicant must submit copy of “certificate of compliance.”

**IV. EDUCATIONAL POINTS (Maximum Points-3)**

The applicant must have official college transcripts sent from post-secondary institutions.

- College Degree earned from any regionally accredited institution ..... 3
- 30 or more college credits from any regionally accredited institution..... 2
- Up to 29 college credits from any regionally accredited institution ..... 1

**V. PBCC EDUCATIONAL POINTS (Maximum Points-2)**

- Graduate of PBCC’s EMT Program ..... 1
- Graduate of PBCC’s Fire Academy..... 1

**MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE.....11**

**Acceptance:** Applicants who are selected will be notified approximately two weeks after the application deadline date. The acceptance notice will include registration information. If a student is selected and does not enter the program, or is not selected, he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

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## Employment/Volunteer Verification Form

**MUST be completed and submitted with Paramedic Application regardless of employment status.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PBCC Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

1. Are you currently employed *FULL-TIME* by an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement?

YES (If yes, complete the following)  NO

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you currently employed *PART-TIME* for an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement?

YES (If yes, complete the following)  NO

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you currently a *VOLUNTEER* with an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement?

YES (If yes, complete the following)  NO

Where are you a volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my rejection or dismissal by the College.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief or (Designee), Employer, or  
Contact Name to Verify Employment or Volunteer Status

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date