

EMT Paramedic/Paramedic Technician Program

Western Technical College

The nature of Para medicine is that there may be unintended exposure to health risks. Students enrolled in the paramedic program have potential for exposure to communicable diseases or may sustain injuries in the clinical or field setting.

Risks include but not limited to the following:

1. Violence/assaults
2. Verbal threats/aggression
3. Motor vehicle crashes
4. Infectious disease
5. Lifting injuries
6. Sprains and strains
7. Psychological trauma
8. Hazardous chemical exposure
9. Hyper/hypothermia

At the same time, there are protections set up with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and those protections are particularly important within a healthcare environment. OSHA has a series of standards that protect the safety of healthcare workers and patients.

The paramedic program instructs students about the hazards they face on the job and the protocols in place to ensure a workplace culture that prioritizes safety.