Course Prefix and Number: EMTP 203

Credit Hours: 2

Course Title: Patient Assessment

Course Prerequisites: EMTP 202

Textbooks: Bledsoe, Paramedic Care: Principles and Practice, 5th edition

Course Description:
This course instructs students in the theory and technique of patient history and comprehensive physical examination for the purpose of patient assessment. Integrated lecture and laboratory instruction.

Learning Outcomes:

A. At the end of this course, the paramedic student will be able to demonstrate the knowledge, skill and ability to assess a simulated patient in the out of hospital environment.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will

1. Describe the steps you would take to ensure that manage an out of hospital scene.
   1.1. Describe the impact that the environment can have on patient care.
   1.2. Explain how you would identify and address scene hazards.
   1.3. Explain how you would prevent and respond to violence on an out of hospital scene.
   1.4. Compare and contrast the management of a scene with a single patient versus multiple patients.

2. Perform a primary assessment on a simulated patient while meeting the criteria on a simulated patient.
   2.1. Describe how an initial general impression is formed.
   2.2. Determine a simulated patient’s level of consciousness.
   2.3. Evaluate a simulated patient for problems related to airway, breathing and circulation.
   2.4. Identify immediate life threats and provide prompt treatment in a simulated patient.
   2.5. Obtain baseline vital signs on a simulated patient.

3. Obtain a patient history on a simulated patient while meeting the criteria on an approved skill sheet.
   3.1. Demonstrate appropriate communication techniques while obtaining a history from a simulated patient.

4. Perform a secondary assessment on a simulated patient while meeting the criteria on an approved skill sheet.

5. Gather and interpret data from monitoring devices.
   5.1. Interpret basic blood chemistry results from a simulated patient.
5.2. Initiate ECG monitoring on a simulated patient while meeting the criteria on an approved skill sheet.
5.3. Obtain a 12 lead ECG on a simulated patient while meeting the criteria on an approved skill sheet.
6. Reassess a simulated patient while meeting the criteria on an approved skill sheet.

Course Requirements
To earn a grade of “C” or higher the student must earn 70% of the total points for the course and meet all of the following course requirements.

- Demonstrate competency in all assigned lab skills.
- Must have a C or above to continue in the Paramedic Clinical Program.

Course Grading Scale:
- A- 90% or more of all possible points and meet the Course Requirements.
- B- 80% or more of all possible points and meet the Course Requirements
- C- 70% or more of all possible points and meet the Course Requirements
- D- 60% or more of all possible points and meet the Course Requirements
- F- less than 60% of all possible points or fail to meet the Course Requirements

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