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Saratoga County Workforce Development announces EMT Career Pathway for Youth 2024

Deadline to apply: December 29, 2023

Due to the success of the past two years of our program, we are pleased to announce the details of our 2024 EMT Career Pathway Program. The program is open to students from any school district in Saratoga County or residents of Saratoga County attending outside schools.

WHO: Saratoga County students 16+ who are interested in becoming an EMT while attaining college credits and paving a medical career pathway. Qualifying students can participate in lectures and labs prior to turning 17, but must be 17 at the time of NYS Certification exam. Space is limited and participants will be evaluated based on their application and availability.

WHAT: Qualified participants will be enrolled students at Hudson Valley Community College and earn 7 college credits at completion of the program. Training will include lecture, laboratory, and observation time.

WHERE: Lecture time will take place at the HVCC TEC-SMART campus in Malta. Labs will take place at the Rensselaer Technology Park, and 10 Hour observation time will be coordinated with Albany Med.

WHEN: The program kicks off on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6 pm. The class will run every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6 pm – 9:50 pm until May 10, 2024. Observation time will be coordinated after that date and the written NYS Certification exam will take place 2 weeks later.

WHY: Emergency Medical Technicians are vitally important to all our communities. EMS agencies locally and nationally are facing current staffing issues but also seeing a crisis on the horizon. With an increase in need and a decrease in available workforce, many agencies will struggle to serve communities at the levels they have in the past. This program targets individuals with an interest in the medical field who plan to enter the workforce while working towards post-secondary certifications and degrees.

The importance of enrollment with Hudson Valley Community College is to place the framework for continuous learning and paving a career pathway to paramedic, LPN, RN or even a physician.

HOW: The cost of training/tuition, books, supplies, and technology all represent barriers that many students face when deciding on their next steps. This program is intended to support students through the whole process. Tuition, books, supplies, tutoring and support services, will all be provided to help our participants be as successful as possible