



EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Center for Emergency Medicine  
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# PRECEPTOR NEWSLETTER

## The Paramedic Classes of 2023



We are excited to present the Paramedic Classes of 2023. The University of Pittsburgh class has 49 students enrolled and the Center for Emergency Medicine class has 24 students enrolled. Our students have a wide range of career aspirations such as paramedic, flight paramedic, nurse, physician assistant, physician, etc. No matter the end goal, all students are excited for this time in Emergency Medical Services. They spent one week in orientation learning all about the program and sharpening their BLS skills. After that, they jumped right into ALS Skills including IV and intubation!

Communication - we have added a column on the clinical form for communication. This can include hospital notification, handoff report, and physician consults!

### First Edition

## Clinical I Requirements

During the first phase of clinical, all students will complete the following requirements:

- ED (56 hours)
- Burn Unit (4 hours)
- Pediatric ED (8 hours)
- Psychiatric ED (8 hours)
- ECT Lab (8 hours)
- Medical Command (4 hours)
- Trauma Team (8 hours)
- IV Rotation (8 hours)

## Clinical I Expectations

While many of our students enter our program with EMT experience, this is their first experience as a paramedic student. During their 120 field hours it is our expectation they will grow from solely an EMT into starting basic ALS skills. During the first two shifts with you we hope the student can become familiar with your service, station, and ambulance. Next, we hope they will begin to function as a team leader on BLS calls. As the students are signed off on skills in lab, they can begin to incorporate those skills into ALS calls within your comfort level. Just as they are beginning to develop into ALS providers, they will move onto their Clinical II site. When they return for Summative Field Evaluation we hope you are impressed with the progress they have made.

**September Preceptor  
Drawing Winner:  
Dan Gulasy (Cannonsburg EMS)**



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