

Clinical / Field Rotations

Each student is **required** to complete 24 hours of clinical experience. One 12-hour shift at an Emergency Room **and** one 10 to 12-hour shift on an Ambulance, **OR** two (2) ambulance ride a longs. Clinical / Field rotation documentation is required to be completed at the end of your shift by you and the EMS professional you are assigned to. You also must document ten (10) patient assessments. These documents are found on your flash drive, labeled "Ride Along/Clinical Form" and "Patient Assessment Documentation".

At EMSTA, we encourage you to be involved with patient care as much as possible (within communicated boundaries). During your Clinical / Field rotations you will be in an "observation" mode and should assist, if allowed, with any EMT level skills and/or assessments. You should communicate with the person you have been assigned to and ask what you will be allowed to do.

Here is a list of skills you should attempt to accomplish during your clinical experiences:

Airway Management (OPA, NPA, BVM, Nasal Cannula, Suctioning etc.)
Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Patient Assessment / Vital Signs
Splinting / Spinal Immobilization
Emergency Childbirth
Bleeding Control/Shock Management

All EMSTA students are expected to act and present themselves as professional as possible. One thing to keep in mind about your clinical experience... **Treat it like you are being interviewed for a job**. Many agencies/facilities look at students as potential employees. They want the best of the best. Be courteous, professional and eager to learn and work. These agencies/facilities have been instructed to send students home who are not looking and playing the part of an EMS professional.

Points to Ponder

- Show up to for your clinical/field time early (at least 15-20 minutes)
- ER Time: Go to "Triage" window at the Emergency Room and tell them you are there to complete your observation time for the EMSTA EMT program
- Ambulance: When scheduling, ask who and/or where to report to
- Wear your EMSTA uniform (Polo Shirt)
- Bring your EMSTA photo id and another form of id (Drivers Lic.)
- Bring some snacks/food/water, some cash and your cell phone

- Be Professional
- Be seen
- Seek out learning opportunities
- Document Ten (10) patient assessments (complaint/hx/vitals/tx)
- Expect to complete your scheduled shift later than expected (due to late calls etc.)
- Complete required paperwork at the end of your shift
- Turn in your completed paperwork when complete ☐ HAVE FUN!!!
- Call Stacy (619-895-0742) only if you have an “**emergency**” during your clinical/field experience