

EMS Program - Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration

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2024 renewal period closes with positive outcomes



The 2024 EMS certification renewal period has come to an end. From April 1st to the present, the department processed a total of 1701 applications and addressed 206 IT support requests with an average resolution time of under 11 hours.

A significant decrease in expired certifications was reported this year, with only 55 EMS clinicians failing to renew compared to 371 in 2023. The final list of expired certifications has been shared with relevant agency licensure representatives.

Moving forward, EMS clinicians who need to renew their certifications after this period will be required to submit a reinstatement application. DC Health encourages clinicians to utilize the “support” function on the DC Health portal for any assistance.

“We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all involved for their cooperation and support during the renewal process, your contributions helped ensure a smooth process for our EMS clinicians.”

DC Government welcomes Jason McKay, Interim Emergency Medical Services Manager at DC Health



The DC Department of Health is excited to announce the appointment of Jason McKay as the interim Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Manager. With a distinguished career spanning over two decades, Jason brings a wealth of experience in emergency management, public policy, and critical care medicine to this vital role.

Mr. McKay holds a Master of Public Administration in Emergency and Nonprofit Management from The University of Texas at Dallas and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Texas A&M University. He is also a nationally certified EMS educator and a certified flight paramedic.

In this new role, Jason will be responsible for overseeing EMS operations, developing and implementing EMS policies, managing EMS personnel, and collaborating with community partners in the development and regulation of the EMS system.

District EMS Certification Patches are available!



In an earlier newsletter, we promised that we would share with you any vendors currently carrying the DC EMS certification patches.

As promised.

Vendor: [Click here to visit Uniform Insignias!](#)

Vendor: [Click here to visit 911 Patches!](#)

If any other vendors choose to carry the patches, we will include them in future newsletter editions.

Training Opportunities for District EMS Providers

Clinical Care for Adults with Autism – Harvard University

<https://pll.harvard.edu/course/clinical-care-autistic-adults>

Given the challenges of caring for adults with autism, many physicians and clinicians find themselves underprepared for the complexity of diagnoses, the diversity of presentations, and the coordination of care. The Clinical Care for Autistic Adults course is led by nationally recognized experts, with extensive expertise in caring for adults with autism. ***(Course is FREE)***

Understanding Capnography – UN Global Surgery Learning Hub

<https://www.surghub.org/course/understanding-capnography>

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of capnography for all perioperative staff and anesthetic trainees. By exploring the fundamental principles of capnography, analyzing EtCO₂ waveforms, and interpreting their significance in ventilated patients, participants will develop a strong foundation in this essential monitoring tool. While tailored to the perioperative environment, the underlying science of capnography is equally relevant to EMS providers who utilize this technology in their clinical practice. This course will equip learners with the knowledge to effectively apply capnography across various healthcare settings. ***(Course is Free)***

Essentials of Global Health – Yale

<https://online.yale.edu/courses/essentials-global-health>

Essentials of Global Health is a comprehensive introduction to global health. It is meant to introduce you to this topic in well-structured, clear and easy to understand ways.

Much of the course will focus on five questions: What do people get sick, disabled and die from; Why do they suffer from these conditions? Which people are most affected?

Why should we care about such concerns? What can be done to address key health issues, hopefully at least cost, as fast as possible, and in sustainable ways? The course will be global in coverage but with a focus on low- and middle-income countries, the health of the poor, and health disparities. Particular attention will be paid throughout the course to health systems issues, the linkages between health and development, and health matters related to global interdependence. The course will cover key concepts and frameworks but be practical in orientation. ***(Course is Free)***

Job Opportunities from across the District.



Children's National.

Children's is seeking a full-time Paramedic to join their transport team. This position offers a \$15,000 sign-on bonus and a 36-hour workweek.

Job Responsibilities

- Provide safe and efficient patient transport between facilities
- Administer advanced life support care
- Collaborate with medical teams and other healthcare providers
- Maintain and operate medical equipment
- Complete necessary documentation
- Supervise Emergency Medical Technicians during ground transports

Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED
- At least one year of ALS experience in pre-hospital or inter-facility transport
- Nationally Registered Paramedic (NRP) certification
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification
- Basic Life Support (BLS) certification
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification
- Specialty certification in pediatric/neonatal critical care transport
- Valid driver's license
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

Full-Time Salary Range: \$52852.8 - \$103708.8

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