



Department: Emergency Medical Services Professional
Course Title: Medical Emergencies
Section Name: EMSP 2434 H1C
Semester: Summer 2014
Time: 09:00 – 12:00 Monday and Wednesday
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Course Description:

Knowledge and skills in the assessment and management of patients with medical emergencies, including medical overview, neurology, gastroenterology, immunology, pulmonology, urology, hematology, endocrinology, toxicology, and other related topics. Lab Fee Required

End-of-Course Outcomes:

Integrate pathophysiological assessment findings to formulate a field impression; implement a treatment plan for the medical patient; and integrate multiple determinants of medical conditions into clinical care.

Required Texts:

Caroline (2013). *Emergency Care in the Streets* (7th Ed.). Jones & Bartlett Learning: Burlington, MA
EMSTESTING.Com Paramedic Student access code
NAEMT (2011) Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support (7th Ed.). Mosby; St Louis

Recommended Texts:

Pagana, K.D. & Pagana, T.J. (2009) *Mosby's Manual of Diagnostic & Laboratory Test* (4th Ed). Mosby: St Louis
Mosby (2012). *Mosby's Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, and Health Professions* (9th Ed.). Mosby; St Louis
Vallerand, Sanoski (2012). *Davis Drug Guide for Nurses* (13th Ed.). Davis: Philadelphia

Description of Institutional Core Objectives (ICO's)

Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Therefore, with the

assistance of the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee, the Coordinating Board has approved guidelines for a core curriculum for all undergraduate students in Texas.

Through the application and assessment of objectives within the institution’s core curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world; develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world; and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning. Appropriate Odessa College faculty periodically evaluates all of the courses listed in the descriptions on the following pages of this catalog and keys them to Odessa College’s Institutional Core Objectives (ICOs), as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 73*)

Odessa College’s Institutional Core Objectives (ICOs):

- 1) *Critical Thinking Skills* - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- 2) *Communication Skills* - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- 3) *Empirical and Quantitative Skills* - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- 4) *Teamwork* - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
- 5) *Personal Responsibility* - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
- 6) *Social Responsibility* - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Learning Outcomes for EMSP 2434 ICO’s 3

Outcome	ICO
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Medication Math Competency Exam	<i>Empirical and Quantitative Skills</i> - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
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Odessa College Policies

Academic Policies

Note that the OC Student Handbook states (page 32) that “[i]n cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to impose appropriate scholastic penalties. Complaints or appeals of disciplinary sanctions may be filed in accordance with the college due process procedure. Copies of the college due process procedure are available in the office of The Director of Student Life (CC104).”

For more information on your rights and responsibilities as a student at Odessa College, please refer to the following: *The 411 of OC: Student Handbook 2012-2013; Student Rights & Responsibilities*
<http://www.odessa.edu/dept/studenthandbook/handbook.pdf>

Scholastic Dishonesty

Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion.

"Cheating on a test" shall include:

- Copying from another student's test paper
- Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.
- Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
- The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.
- Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for

one's self, to take a test.

- Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.
- "Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work.
- "Collusion" shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. (Source: *Odessa College Student Handbook 2012-2013, page 29-30*)

Special Populations/Disability Services/Learning Assistance

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Odessa College affirms that it will provide access to programs, services and activities to qualified individuals with known disabilities as required by **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)**, unless doing so poses an undue hardship or fundamentally alters the nature of the program or activity. Disabilities may include hearing, mobility or visual impairments as well as hidden disabilities such as chronic medical conditions (arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disorders, lupus, seizure disorders, etc.), learning disabilities or psychiatric or emotional disabilities. A student who comes to Odessa College with diagnosed disabilities which may interfere with learning may receive accommodations when the student requests them and submits proper documentation of the diagnosis. A Request for Accommodations form and guidelines for beginning the request process are available in the OC Help Center or on the Odessa College web site at www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities.htm. The college strives to provide a complete and appropriate range of services for students with disabilities such as assistance with testing, registration, information on adaptive and assistive equipment, tutoring, assistance with access and accommodations for the classroom where appropriate. For information regarding services, students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services in the OC Help Center located in Room 204 of the Student Union Building or call 432-335-6433. (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 52*)

Dropping a Course or Withdrawing from College

Students wishing to drop a non-developmental course may do so online using Web Advisor, at the Wrangler Express, or Registrar's Office. A student wishing to drop a developmental course or withdraw from college should obtain a drop or withdrawal form from the Wrangler Express or the Registrar's Office. Students are encouraged to consult with instructors prior to dropping a class. Students may not completely withdraw from the college by use of the Web. Students must drop a class or withdraw from college before the official withdrawal date stated in the class schedule. Students who are part of the Armed Forces Reserves may withdraw with a full refund if the withdrawal is due to their being ordered into active duty. A copy of the student's orders must be presented to the Registrar's Office at the time of the withdrawal. For details, please contact the Office of the Registrar. **No longer attending class does not automatically constitute withdrawal from that class, nor does a student's notification to an instructor that the student wishes to be dropped. Failure of a student to complete the drop/withdrawal process will result in a grade of "F."** (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 36*)

Learning Resource Center (LRC; Library)

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian " service provide additional help.

Student Success Center (SSC)

Located in the LRC, the Student Success Center (SSC) provides assistance to students in meeting their academic and career goals. We strive to provide new and updated resources and services at no charge to OC students. Academic support services include tutoring, study skills training, workshops, and the mentoring program. Tutoring is available for a variety of subjects including college mathematics, English, government, history, speech, chemistry, biology, and all developmental coursework. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be served as soon as possible. Smarthinking online tutoring is also available. All computers in the center have Internet access, Microsoft Office, and software resources to assist OC students in improving their reading, writing and mathematical skills. The center also offers special assistance to students preparing for the THEA/COMPASS test. Computer lab assistants are available to assist students with student email, Blackboard, OC portal, Course Compass and more. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 432-335-6673 or visit www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/ (Source: *Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 54*)

Student E-mail

Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **Correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email as an alternative method to contact you with information regarding this course.**

Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Expectations for Engagement – Face to Face Learning

To help make the learning experience fulfilling and rewarding, the following Expectations for Engagement provide the parameters for reasonable engagement between students and instructors for the learning environment. Students and instructors are welcome to exceed these requirements.

Reasonable Expectations of Engagement for Instructors

1. As an instructor, I understand the importance of clear, timely communication with my students. In order to maintain sufficient communication, I will
 - provided my contact information at the beginning of the syllabus;
 - respond to all messages in a timely manner through telephone, email, or next classroom contact; and,
 - notify students of any extended times that I will be unavailable and provide them with alternative contact information (for me or for my supervisor) in case of emergencies during the time I'm unavailable.

2. As an instructor, I understand that my students will work to the best of their abilities to fulfill the course requirements. In order to help them in this area, I will
 - provide clear information about grading policies and assignment requirements in the course syllabus, and
 - communicate any changes to assignments and/or to the course calendar to students as quickly as possible.
3. As an instructor, I understand that I need to provide regular, timely feedback to students about their performance in the course. To keep students informed about their progress, I will
 - return classroom activities and homework within one week of the due date and
 - provide grades for major assignments within 2 weeks of the due date or at least 3 days before the next major assignment is due, whichever comes first.

Reasonable Expectations of Engagement for Students

1. As a student, I understand that I am responsible for keeping up with the course. To help with this, I will
 - attend the course regularly and line up alternative transportation in case my primary means of transportation is unavailable;
 - recognize that the college provides free wi-fi, computer labs, and library resources during regular campus hours to help me with completing my assignments; and,
 - understand that my instructor does not have to accept my technical issues as a legitimate reason for late or missing work if my personal computer equipment or internet service is unreliable.
2. As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate quickly with the instructor any issue or emergency that will impact my involvement with or performance in the class. This includes, but is not limited to,
 - missing class when a major test is planned or a major assignment is due;
 - having trouble submitting assignments;
 - dealing with a traumatic personal event; and,
 - having my work or childcare schedule changed so that my classroom attendance is affected.
3. As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to understand course material and requirements and to keep up with the course calendar. While my instructor is available for help and clarification, I will
 - seek out help from my instructor and/or from tutors;
 - ask questions if I don't understand; and,
 - attend class regularly to keep up with assignments and announcements.

Odessa College Summer 2014

Summer I – First Term (6/9-7/10)

Registration:

On the Web (5am to midnight, 7 days a week).....	Feb 28-Jun 8
In Person (See business hours above).....	Feb 28-Jun 5
Late Registration & Schedule Changes (Add/Drop) (In Person Only).....	Jun 9 (Mon)
Classes Begin.....	Jun 9 (Mon)
* Classes are scheduled to meet one Friday during the Summer I session – Friday, June 13 only	
Census Day.....	Jun 12 (Thurs)
Last Day to Drop or Withdraw with a “W”	July 1 (Tues)
Holiday (Independence Day – Offices Closed) – No Classes.....	July 3 (Thurs)
Last Class Day, Final Exams, End of Term.....	July 10 (Thurs)

Summer II – Second Term (7/14-8/14)

Registration:

On the Web (5am to midnight, 7 days a week).....	Feb 28-July 13
In Person (See business hours above).....	Feb 2-July 10
Late Registration & Schedule Changes (Add/Drop) (In Person Only).....	July 14 (Mon)
Classes Begin.....	July 14 (Mon)
Census Day.....	July 17 (Thurs)
Last Day to Drop or Withdraw with a “W”	Aug 6 (Wed)
Last Class Day, Final Exams, End of Term.....	Aug 14 (Thurs)

Whole Summer Term (6/9-8/14)

Registration:

On the Web (5am to midnight, 7 days a week).....	Feb 28-Jun 8
In Person (See business hours above).....	Feb 28-Jun 5
Late Registration & Schedule Changes (Add/Drop) (In Person Only).....	Jun 9 (Mon)
Classes Begin.....	Jun 9 (Mon)
Census Day.....	Jun 17 (Tues)
Last Day to Drop or Withdraw with a “W”	July 29 (Tues)
Last Class Day, Final Exams, End of Term.....	Aug 14 (Thurs)

Course Policies

Disclaimer

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change in any part at the discretion of the instructor. Any changes will be in accordance with Odessa College policies. Students will be notified of changes, if any, in timely manner.

Original Effort

The work submitted for this course must be original work prepared by the student enrolled in this course. Efforts will be recognized and graded in terms of individual participation and in terms of ability to collaborate with other students in this course.

Description of students

Students enrolled in this course are second semester Paramedic students

Course prerequisites

Department Consent

Course Alignment with Industry Standards

NHTSA Paramedic Curriculum

TDSHS Paramedic Curriculum

EMS Agenda for the Future

Digital Protocol

Cell phones must be placed on either *vibrate* or *silent* mode and are to be accessed in emergency cases only. The use of laptops or any other digital device is permitted in order to facilitate note-taking relative to instruction. Any written assignments will be submitted electronically on Blackboard. **The electronic recording of the time on Blackboard will be considered the time of assignment submission. Take necessary steps to ensure that your assignments are submitted on “Blackboard” time.** Back-up and/or additional copies of all assignments submitted is encouraged. **Computers/printers are available to OC students in the LRC (301-303); therefore, not having access to a computer due to technical issues (crash; corrupted files) will not be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing assignments.** If there is a loss of server connection with Odessa College due to maintenance, then an email will be sent to student with pertinent information and status reports. Assignments submitted electronically need to be **WORD documents (doc or docx).**

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class regularly. Attendance will be recorded using a “sign-in” sheet. Excessive absences will be grounds for disciplinary action, and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If you are more than 15 minutes late to class or leave class early without notifying the instructor, this will count as a tardy. 2 tardy’s = 1 absence.

Classroom/on-site laboratory attendance policy for paramedic students will follow the same guidelines as listed in the college catalog. This policy states that any student who misses as much as 20 percent of scheduled class time in any semester should review his or her standing in the class with the instructor and determine whether to continue in class or withdraw. Note that since paramedic students may be enrolled in more than one paramedic

course in a given semester, the faculty interprets the college policy as 20 percent of scheduled class time in any paramedic course in any semester. The ability to meet course objectives may be seriously jeopardized for students missing 2-3 days of classroom/laboratory instruction in any course. Your attendance is also mandated by the minimum contact hour requirements of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

AVID

This course has been identified as a course by Career, Technical, and Workforce Education as one in which teaching and learning strategies adopted by AVID will be implemented. As a student in the legal program, you will be expected to develop an understanding of the strategies, to model the strategies, to maintain fidelity of implementation, and to examine how these strategies may impact your effectiveness as a professional in your chosen area of occupation, either through coursework or practicum experience as outlined by the course instructor.

Grading Policy

Please understand that this is a required course for the Paramedic program in order to prepare you For your National Certification Exam you must make at least a 75 in all EMSP courses to progress to the next semester. Grades below 75 will not be rounded up. Quality work and active participation is expected and not to be negotiated. As a general policy, grades will be taken in class. Any written assignments or tests will be graded outside of class. You can expect feedback on assignments within a week's time.

Grade Inquiry Policy

It is the responsibility of the individual taking this course to maintain accurate track of assignment submissions and grades. There will be opportunities during the semester to meet with the instructor to discuss your academic progress. Contact the instructor to schedule an appointment. Class time will not be used for grade inquiries. All grades are final.

Communication Plan

The best way to communicate with the course instructor is via email through Blackboard. Also, check in Blackboard regularly for announcements, including any changes in the course schedule due to instructor illness or conference attendance. Appointments with the instructor may also be scheduled.

General Course Requirements

1. Attend class and participate.
2. Contribute and cooperate with civility.
3. **Submit assignments on time. Late work will not be accepted. Medical and/or family circumstances that warrant an extension on assignments need to be presented to the instructor. Extensions will be allowed at the instructor's discretion.**

Grading Scale:

- “A” = 90-100
- “B” = 80-89
- “C” = 70-79
- “D” = 60-69
- “F” = 0-59

Incomplete Policy

An ‘Incomplete’ grade may be given only if:

1. The student has passed all completed work
2. If he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of an “I” will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.

Overview of assignments

1. Homework	10%
2. Quizzes	10%
3. Professionalism	15%
4. Unit Exams	30%
5. Final exam	25%
6. Lab participation /preparation	10%

Assignments

1. Homework

- a. There will be assignments in JB Learning for each chapter

2. Quizzes

- a. There will be a pretest and a post lecture quiz for each chapter

3. Professionalism

- a. Professionalism will be measured with the Professionalism - Affective Domain Rubric

4. Unit Tests

- a. Unit 1
 - i. Chapters 18-19, 22, 20
- b. Unit 2
 - i. Chapters 21, 23-25
- c. Unit 3
 - i. Chapters 26-28, 17

5. Final Exam

- a. This will be comprehensive

6. LABORATORY COMPONENT OF EMSP 2434

The laboratory component of EMSP 2434 is designed to prepare to improve the student’s clinical skills and critical thinking skills. The following skills will be taught or reviewed

Completion of National Registry Patient Assessment Medical

A grade of PASS is required on each skill.

Two opportunities will be allowed to pass each skill.

The first opportunity is the Test and the second is the Re-Test.

Remedial training will be mandatory and successfully completed before the Re-Test.

Failure to pass both written and all laboratory portions of EMSP 2434 will result in a grade no higher than a D, regardless of the actual numerical grade, and prohibits registering for any other EMSP courses.

Unit and final exams will be constructed from a random sample of the material studied in each unit. These questions will mostly be done in the form of multiple choice questions. However, there may be some short essay questions. Drug calculation questions may also be on any major exam. Consult the course schedule for exam dates.

Lab Participation / preparation grades are subjective and will be determined by the Skills Instructors.

Schedule (Tentative and Subject to Change)

M, W 8:00AM-12:00PM	
9-Jun	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 18 Neurologic Emergencies
11-Jun	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 19 Diseases of the Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat
16-Jun	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 22 Gynecologic Emergencies
18-Jun	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 20 Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Emergencies
23-Jun	Ops Lecture and Scenarios
25-Jun	Unit 1 Test Vol. 1 Ch. 18-19, 22, 20 Patient Assessment Medical (Lab)
30-Jun	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 21 Genitourinary and Renal Emergencies
2-Jul	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 23 Endocrine Emergencies
7-Jul	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 24 Hematologic Emergencies
9-Jul	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 25 Immunologic Emergencies
14-Jul	Unit 2 Test Vol. 1 Ch. 21, 23-25 Patient Assessment Medical (Lab)
16-Jul	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 26 Infectious Diseases
21-Jul	Ops Lecture and Scenarios
23-Jul	Ops Lecture and Scenarios
28-Jul	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 27 Toxicology
30-Jul	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 28 Psychiatric Emergencies
4-Aug	Emergency Care in the Streets Vol. 1, Ch. 17 Cardiovascular Emergencies
6-Aug	Unit 3 Test Vol. 1 Ch. 26-28, 17 Patient Assessment Medical (Lab)
11-Aug	Review
13-Aug	Final Exam