



Background

The pass percentage benchmark is used by the Bureau of EMS to compare Pennsylvania EMS accredited Education Institutes conducting like programs in contrast to one another.

Method

The pass percentage benchmark is calculated each January, based on cognitive exam data provided by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). While this information is readily available to each Pennsylvania EMS Educational Institute for their own program, it does provide a detailed comparison to allow Educational Institutes to benchmark themselves to others within the Commonwealth. Additionally, this pass percentage benchmark report may provide additional information to prospective EMS students when exploring their own educational opportunities.

Pass rates are calculated based upon students who have attempted the National Registry cognitive exam. Pennsylvania accredited Education Institutes determine, through successful course completion, which students are eligible for the cognitive exam. Candidates are permitted three attempts at National Registry cognitive exam prior to remediation. Therefore, this is the benchmark criteria chosen for this report.

When calculating the pass percentage benchmark, the Bureau uses three years of historical National Registry data and bases the benchmark number on the pass rates from the “Cumulative Pass Within Three Attempts” at the National Registry Cognitive exam.

Considerations

Candidates for Pennsylvania certification must attempt the exams within one year following course completion, and exhaust all exam attempts within two years (§ 8113 (e)). As a result, the pass percentage report is dynamic and represents a snapshot in time. Pass percentage results may change after the publication of this report.

The data reflected in this report does not account for the number of individuals enrolled in a class, completion of a class, or the number of individuals who have obtained Pennsylvania Certification. For this information, please refer to the specific Educational Institute regarding this information.

AEMT Program Ranking

All programs are listed in alphabetical order. The percentage for Advanced Emergency Medical Technician cumulative pass rate within three attempts, during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, in all Pennsylvania programs is 78% and the National pass percentage average is 74%.

| Program Name | Number Attempted the Exam | Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts |
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| AmServ Ltd DuSan Ambulance Training Institute (0068109924) | 4 | 75% |
| Brockway Ambulance Training Institute (193313311) | 9 | 33% |
| Burholme EMS Training Institute (0068116925) | 7 | 100% |
| Butler County Community College (041003231) | 25 | 72% |
| Clearfield EMS Training Institute (0068114665) | 10 | 70% |
| Commonwealth Health Emergency Medical Services (068112228) | 23 | 83% |
| Community College of Allegheny County (040203831) | 28 | 79% |
| Community Life Team , Inc. (0068113125) | 38 | 74% |
| Eastern Lebanon County School District (033802011) | 112 | 78% |
| Emergency Health Services Federation (032107531) | 4 | 100% |
| EmergyCare Training Institute/ EFD (182500811) | 51 | 63% |
| Freedom Valley Medical Training Institute (006811502) | 20 | 85% |
| Good Fellowship Club of Chester County (111501231) | 119 | 82% |
| Harrisburg Area Community College (032201021) | 187 | 89% |
| Harrisburg Area Community College-Basic (032201311) | 17 | 82% |

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| Lutz First Aid and CPR Training, LLC (006811542) | 4 | 75% |
| Mutual Aid Ambulance Service (046504431) | 14 | 64% |
| New Holland Ambulance Association (0068117925) | 18 | 78% |
| Northwest EMS Education Institute (0068114825) | 21 | 86% |
| Penn State Fayette (042603331) | 101 | 70% |
| Penn View Bible Institute (0068116425) | 7 | 86% |
| Pennsylvania Ambulance (053513411) | 13 | 92% |
| Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. (0068116225) | 21 | 67% |
| Reading Hospital & Medical Center (020604121) | 42 | 71% |
| Rescue Hose and Ladder Company (0068115825) | 7 | 86% |
| SafeTec Training Services (101010711) | 13 | 69% |
| Superior Ambulance Service EMS Training (184300921) | 13 | 85% |
| Susquehanna Valley EMS Institute (036713011) | 5 | 60% |
| Wakefield EMS Training Institute (0068115625) | 2 | 50% |