

EMT: Not for the weak of heart...

COURSE:

Emergency Medical Services
Ivy Tech awards 7 college credits if student continue with studies.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 24 hours minimum "Ride Alongs" with Ambulance Service.
- 16 hours minimum ER work at Huntington Parkview Hospital.

CERTIFICATION:

EMT-Basic



"It's fun to be out there and see what's going on."
MACKENZIE HACKER, 12



EMT-Advanced Andrew Dennison explains the Combitube necessary to open airways to Clay Carmichael and Ian Hiers who assess then demonstrate their skills in tracheal intubation during Skills Day. "I've always wanted to be in the medical field," Andrew said. "And the ride alongs are cool because you get to be in the ambulance and help out." Although Ian is still undecided on his career path, Ian likes the "hands-on" of the class. "It's good information to learn. You never know if one day what you learned will come in handy - like CPR," Ian said.



Assisting in a cardiac arrest, Madison Burnau listens to the next instructions from EMT Advanced Jeff White on Skills Day, where students practice at five stations.



EMT/911 dispatcher Phi Cuttriss helps Terry Beal immobilize Nick Baca following what might have been an auto accident resulting in serious neck and spine injuries.

First-year CTE program teaches emergency care

It's "Skills Day" for the students and they are scattered throughout the room participating in one of the five stations with a licensed adult paramedic in preparation for their eventual EMT-B test. "I'm impressed at how the kids can break out of their comfort zone," EMT Kende Hare said. "One of the hardest parts of this job is to be able to talk to and touch others."

Completing class with a 75% and eventually obtaining EMT licensing is no easy chore. Students must cover a

41-chapter book and memorize the life-saving procedures that are needed to save lives.

"You have to take this class very seriously and have a strong stomach because many things we talk about in class could make you sick," Nick Baca said.

Student Alyssa Aughinbaugh related an incident in which she helped to comfort a child who lost the end of her finger during a recent ER visit.

Students schedule 24

hours for ambulance "Ride Alongs," and spend a minimum of 16 hours assisting in the ER at the Huntington Parkview Hospital. "I love our teacher," Mackenzie Hacker said. "He believes in all of us and has high expectations for us to be successful in class and in life."



RICK UECKER, INSTRUCTOR

Licensed paramedic and certified CPR instructor Rick Uecker says "I really enjoy working with these kids. The class can be a foot in the door for a good job."



Phoebe Harmon conducts a trauma patient assessment on her classmate with some prompting from paramedic Mike Oberg at the Huntington North Vocational Center. "I'm considering coming back and taking this class again next year," Phoebe, the only junior said. "I love it." Students may earn their EMT-B licenses after successfully passing the state test.