

EMS Academy opens at UNM West

The University of New Mexico, Emergency Medical Services Academy (EMSA), will begin offering courses at UNM West Fall 2013. The EMSA is the largest Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training agency in New Mexico and is designated by law as the State's Lead EMS training agency. The EMSA offers EMS education at all levels for certification and for credit. Thousands of students across New Mexico attend EMSA courses every year for their EMS education needs.

The Bachelor of Science in EMS, one of only 12 in the U.S., allows students to study prehospital medicine in greater depth while obtaining an undergraduate degree from one of the top medical schools in the country. Beginning in the Fall 2013, students will have the opportunity to take courses towards the BS-EMS at UNM West. This alternative distance education option is specifically designed for working non-traditional students.

In addition to offerings for the degree program, the EMSA is pleased to announce certificate course (non-credit or college credit) offerings at UNM West campus to include Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, (EMT), and Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate (Intermediate) Fall 2013. This exciting opportunity will allow the EMSA to better support students and EMS services in Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, and the Pueblos North of Albuquerque. All students successfully completing the Certificate programs will be eligible to sit for the National Registry exams and apply for licensure in New Mexico.

The EMSA Rural and Distance Education Programs office will be located at UNM West Beginning Fall 2013. This program office will serve as the headquarters for the statewide training mission supporting hundreds of instructors, and thousands of students in communities all over New Mexico. In the Fall 2013, this office will begin offering a statewide Paramedic program via distance education in collaboration with local colleges all around the state. This very important program allows the EMSA to extend paramedic education into the smaller communities in New Mexico. The lecture content will be offered online with 12 hours of lab taught at the local college each week. In the Spring 2014, UNM West will be the site of one of the Paramedic distance education student cohorts bringing this exciting opportunity to the UNM West community.

For more information on this exciting partnership with UNM West or general information about all of the EMSA programs, please visit our website at <http://hsc.unm.edu/som/emsacad/> or call 505-272-5757.