

Emergency Services Education Adds Ambulance Simulator

Southeastern Technical College (STC) has introduced a new element to enhance the training of the students enrolled in STC's Emergency Services Education programs. With the help of a grant, STC purchased an indoor ambulance simulator. The simulator has been delivered and is ready for use by the EMT and Paramedic classes.

The ambulance simulator will be used to add a higher level of realism to training scenarios. One of the most important aspects of the job for an EMT is knowing exactly how to perform their learned skills inside of an ambulance. It's crucial that students understand how ambulance vehicles work and how to work safely while inside of one.

"The simulator will better educate students by taking them out of their classroom seats and giving them hands-on practice in the ambulance simulator before practicing their skills in the clinical setting," explained Jim Jones, EMS Program Director. "The students can learn in a safe, realistic, and high-intensity environment."

The simulator includes many aspects that a functioning ambulance would have. Features include a patient stretcher, an oxygen outlet, interior storage cabinets, a squad bench, a disposable sharps container, suction, and more. Students will be given the opportunity to practice tasks and procedures in an environment representing an actual ambulance workspace.

The ambulance simulator was presented to the advisory committee for tour by the members and STC's administration thanked the committee for their support of the program.

"Jim is an excellent instructor and we are so fortunate to have had him teaching with us for almost 20 years. We have

students driving from many miles around to attend his classes. We are excited to be able to use this simulator to help us with our lab and some simulated clinical, especially during this pandemic. The combination of Jim's experience and the program's state-of-the-art equipment gives our students the best opportunity to be successful," said Teresa Coleman, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Emergency Services Education programs at STC allow students to learn and complete training to become an EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic. For more information on these programs, or other programs Southeastern Technical College offers, visit southeasterntech.edu or call (912) 538-3100 or (478) 289-2200.

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