3/19/2022

Open information letter regarding the paramedic school

The 2019 – 2020 Cohort:

During the 2019 – 2020 paramedic cohort, the program had to pause after March 13, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the class would resume virtually a month later. The students were not allowed back into the clinical and field internship sites until after July of 2020. Even when the students were let back into the sites, the students had a severe reduction in clinical and field internship sites that were available. During a virtual meeting with our advisory board, it was a unanimous decision to extend the program for an additional 3 months. The original graduation date was 12/31/2020, was now moved to 3/31/2021. On November 1, 2020 the Methodist Hospitals Paramedic Program administration requested and was granted a 3 month extension from the State of Indiana, Department of Homeland Security.

Therefore there is no graduation class in the year of 2020.



The 2020 – 2021 Cohort:

During the 2020 – 2021 paramedic cohort, the program had to move back to virtual lesson during the months of November 2020 & December 2020. During this time the students were not able to be in the clinical setting due to a heighten level of Covid-19 virus. When the students were allowed to come back to in person lectures and into the clinical setting, there was a significant loss in time. During the Education Advisory meeting in November, Program Director Thomas Fentress asked for a 3 month extension to allow the students ample time to complete the program. A unanimous decision from the advisory board to extend the program. The State of Indiana, Department of Homeland Security approved the extension.

The 2020 - 2021 course will graduate on March 31, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding these previous courses, please reach out to our program director that the information provided below.

Thank you.

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