

**The Town of Colonie Personnel Officer Announces
Open-Competitive Civil Service Examination
For
Paramedic**



APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED CONTINUOUSLY

EXAMINATION NO: PM4-89

SALARY: FT - Yr 1: \$54,673 PT - Entry: \$26.28
Yr 2: \$57,889
Yr 3: \$61,105

APPLICATION FEE: A non-refundable processing fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) is required for this examination. Payment can be made on-line, by check or money order (no cash) made out to the TOWN OF COLONIE must accompany each application. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Note exam number on check or money order (see explanation on page 4).

RESIDENCY: Effective January 1, 1999, the Town of Colonie exercised its option under Civil Service Law Section 23, Subdivision 4-A. Preference in appointment to the position of "paramedic" Eligible List #PM4-89, may be given to those candidates who have been legal residents of the Town of Colonie for at least four months prior to the date of application and four months prior to the date of certification as an eligible candidate. Non-residents would be considered for appointment in the event that an inadequate number of potential candidates would not exist for an appointment. Residency shall be determined solely by the Personnel Officer in the manner he prescribes.

VACANCIES: The eligible list resulting from this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in the Emergency Medical Services Department of the Town of Colonie. If you pass the examination, your name will be placed on the continuous eligible list for one year. After one year, your name will be removed from the list. You may apply for retest at six-month intervals.

Note: A promotional examination for this title is also being offered.

DESCRIPTION OF POSITION: Paramedics perform clinically appropriate patient assessments and appropriately treat patients in accordance with state and regional protocols and ensure that high quality patient care is conducted at all times on scene, including in hazardous environments, and enroute to the hospital. Incumbents may participate in rescues utilizing special tools and techniques from environments such as hazardous materials, motor vehicle crashes, confined spaces, water as well as other hazardous situations. Incumbents work well with partners and other providers to ensure the highest level of prehospital care. Paramedics demonstrate awareness of cultural background and differences and remain compassionate, respectful and professional toward co-workers, patients and families. This position requires the ability to safely operate specially equipped emergency vehicles and the ability to adhere to EMS policies and procedures. When engaged in providing emergency medical services, incumbents are in two-way radio or telephone contact with, and receive direction from, monitoring hospital physicians who provide advice during a time of medical need. The work is performed under the supervision of the Emergency Medical Services Officers who make assignments and review work in progress. Does related work as required.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: **The only subject of examination will be an evaluation of your training and experience.** You are, therefore, asked to include in your application a summary of all pertinent training and experience in sufficient detail so that your background may be evaluated against the duties of the position. **In your summary of training include all college course work, formal in-service training, and seminars you have attended. You must specify either the number of credits received or the number of contact hours and dates of attendance.** Also include a copy of your certification or documentation indicating eligibility for certification. Specify the date that your certification was first issued as well as the first certification date of your EMT license if applicable. **In your summary of experience, you must specify the dates of your employment, the number of hours worked per week, your title, and the main duties for each.** Be specific: vagueness and ambiguity will not be resolved in your favor. Candidates who submit incomplete applications or documentation may be disqualified.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: At the time of application, candidates must meet all of the following qualifications as a condition of employment: **(Please enclose photocopies of cards and certification)**

- *Completion of high school or possession of high school equivalency diploma AND
- *Current certification as a NYS Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (AEMT-4) AND
- *Current certification in American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support AND

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SEE "GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS"

- *Current certification in Basic Life Support for Health Care Provider (CPR) AND
- *Possession and maintenance of a valid NYS motor vehicle operator's license and an acceptable driving record.

Note: Upon being hired, employees are required to have or to complete as directed the following:

- Rescue Technician Basic*
- Confined Space Rescue Technician Level*
- Trench Rescue Awareness Level
- Active Shooter Training, ALERRT or AIRR or equivalent
- Haz-Med Technician (NFPA 473 or equivalent) *
- Vehicle Extrication*
- Surface Water Rescue*
- Ice/Cold Water Rescue Technician Level*
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* OFPC, TOC, DOH, or equivalent training.

Prior to completion of the probationary period (1040 hours)

- Obtain and maintain medical control authorization privileges to practice in the region and the Town of Colonie Emergency Medical Services Department.

At the time of appointment and during employment, must meet or exceed the medical and physical standards established by the Personnel Officer. Incumbent Paramedics must continue to meet or exceed all requirements for maintenance of NYS Paramedic certification and Regional Medical Control Authorization for the duration of employment with the Town.

Qualifying Physical Ability Test will be administered PRIOR to *Civil Service certification* for appointment (see below).

The Physical Ability Test consists of the following events:

- 1) Stair climb with equipment
- 2) Patient Rescue
- 3) Chest Compressions
- 4) Lift a 165 lb patient attached to a back board
- 5) Carry 120 lb barbell backward 75'
- 6) Confined Space Crawl
- 7) Ladder Climb
- 8) Static Cardiology Station

An "Orientation Guide – Town of Colonie EMS Department – PAT Physical Ability Test" is available at the Town of Colonie Civil Service Department or can be found on the Town's web page for Civil Service Examinations at www.colonie.org.

ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT BEGINS FOLLOWING SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF QUALIFYING PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST. Ranking on Civil Service list shall be done by evaluation of training and experience.

Special Notes: Candidates must also submit to a pre-employment physical with drug screening, AND a psychological and psychiatric screening set by the Personnel Officer.

ELIGIBLE LIST: Successful candidates will have their names placed on the eligible list for one year only. You may apply for retest at six-month intervals.

THE PERSONNEL OFFICER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THIS CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT PROGRAM AND RE-ESTABLISH THE PERIODIC, ANNOUNCED-DATE TYPE OF EXAMINATION.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications and additional information may be obtained at the Civil Service Department, Colonie Memorial Town Hall, 534 Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110 - Telephone 783-2721 OR via the Internet at www.colonie.org (Civil Service Dept) where applications can be viewed and downloaded from the web site.

Rosemary Newton
Personnel Officer
Town of Colonie
January 10, 2022

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Fees: Refer to the examination announcement for the required application processing fee. The required fee must accompany your application. Fees may be paid on line by credit card or enclose a non-refundable check or money order (no cash) made payable to the "Town of Colonie" and write the examination number(s) on your check or money order. In the event you are disqualified, decide you didn't want to apply for that test, you do not take the test(s), or are not successful on the examination, the fee is non-refundable and therefore will not be returned. **YOU ARE URGED TO COMPARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS CAREFULLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AND FILE ONLY FOR THOSE EXAMINATIONS FOR WHICH YOU ARE CLEARLY QUALIFIED.**

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are *unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household*. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for *Medicaid*, or receiving *Supplemental Security Income payments*, or *Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance)* or are certified *Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible* through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification form" (in our office or on-line at www.colonie.org/civilservice) and submit it with your application by the close of business on the application deadline as listed on the examination announcement.** (Such claims are subject to later verification and if not supported by appropriate documentation, are grounds for barring appointment.)

PARTIAL FEE WAIVER: Incumbent permanent Town of Colonie employees with more than one full year, or equivalent part-time service, may request waiver of the fee except for \$5.00 (five dollars). Provisional employees are required to pay the complete fee.

- 1) Unless otherwise indicated on this announcement, the candidate will complete one application for employment for each examination he/she wishes to take.
- 2) Applicants must answer every question on the application form relevant to the examination or position. Applications lacking required information will be disapproved. Please follow instructions for applicants.
- 3) Investigation may be made as to character and ability and all statements made by applicants are subject to verification.
- 4) Falsification of any part of the application for employment or examination will result in disqualification and possible legal action.
- 5) Veterans, disabled Veterans, or *active duty members of the Armed Forces, desiring to claim additional credit must make application for such additional credit in their applications. They will be allowed the option of waiving these credits after the completion of the examination. *Special notice to active duty members of the Armed Forces – beginning 1/1/98 the NYS Constitution allows members of the US Armed Forces who are on active duty the right to request extra War Time Veterans credits on civil service examinations. You must request them in the space provided on the examination application.
5a) If you are an active member of the Armed Services during the period of time for filing an application for a particular exam, or the date of the examination, you may be eligible for special considerations. Please contact the Town of Colonie Civil Service Department at (518)783-2721.
- 6) Police Officer or Firefighter Survivor Credits: Per Section 85-a of Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive exam for which they qualify for original appointment in the same municipality in which his/her parent has served. If you qualify, **inform this office when you submit your application for exam.** A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of 2 months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. No credit may be added after establishment of the eligible list.
- 7) Accepted candidates will be notified when and where to appear for examination. If an application is rejected, due notice will be sent. The department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application.
- 8) Call this office if you do not receive a notice within three days of the date of the examination. Notice to appear for the test will be conditional, since final review of applications for all requirements may not be made until after the written test. You may not be admitted to the examination room without official notice. Have your Social Security card (if you have one) and your Driver's License available at the exam center.
- 9) The duration of the eligible lists shall be fixed for not less than one nor more than four years. Note: The duration of eligible lists established as a result of continuous recruitment exams will be one year only.
- 10) Changing conditions may make it advisable to certify for future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
- 11) You may be required to take a medical examination to determine if you are medically and physically capable of performing the duties of the position.
- 12) **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Failure to notify the Personnel Officer of a change of address may result in disqualification for examination or certification for appointment following examination. A Change of Address form may be found on-line at www.colonie.org/civilservice. **Failure to do so may delay correspondence and affect recruitment opportunity.**
- 13) Religious Accommodations – Persons with a Disability – Military Members: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.
- 14) **Applications must be filed in the Civil Service Department no later than 4:30PM on the last filing date as noted above – or post-marked no later than one day prior to last filing date.**

- 15) Applicants for examination or employment are solely responsible to provide written notice of changes which may affect application status.
- 16) Under specific circumstances an alternate test date may be arranged. Your request with written documentation must be received in this office no later than the Thursday preceding exam date. Please ask to see our policy.
- 17) If an emergency prevents you from appearing for examination, please notify this office no later than 4:30pm on the Monday following the test date, (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday) providing verifiable documentation as to the reasons. The "Policy on Alternate Test Dates" will govern.
- 18) Unless specifically prohibited, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, "Spell-Checkers", "Personal Digital Assistants", "Address Books", "Language Translators", "Dictionaries" and any similar devices are prohibited.
- 19) Applications for examinations in the Town of Colonie are not valid for other Civil Service jurisdictions. If applicants apply to other jurisdictions for examinations scheduled for the same date, it is the responsibility of the applicant to advise the Town of Colonie of their preference to examination location. Attach a "cross-filing" form to your application. Request this form by calling 783-2721 or download at www.colonie.org/civilservice. You need to call or write to each local Civil Service Agency to make arrangements within two weeks of the examinations. **Important: Candidates taking both State and local examinations scheduled for the same day must take all examinations at a State site. Do NOT call the State. You will be advised by their admission letter when and where to report for your examination/s.**
- 20) Weather Emergency/Exam Cancellation: Listen to your local TV/RADIO stations for information between the hours of 6:00am-8:00am on the test date.

Orientation Guide
Town of Colonie EMS Department

PAT
Physical Ability Test

***For questions related to the PAT program, please contact the
Town of Colonie Civil Service Office at 518-783-2721 or the EMS
Department at 518-782-2645.***

Physical Ability Test Orientation Guide

Overview

This physical ability test (PAT) consists of eight separate events. The PAT is a sequence of events requiring you to progress along a predetermined path from event to event in a continuous manner. This test was developed to allow the EMS Department to obtain pools of trainable candidates who are physically able to perform essential job tasks at EMS incidents. **This is a Pass/Fail test.**

Throughout all events, you must wear long pants, and footwear with no open heel or toe. Gloves are recommended but not required. **Watches and loose or restrictive jewelry are not permitted.** All props were designed to obtain the necessary information regarding your physical ability. The tools and equipment were chosen to provide the highest level of consistency, safety and validity in measuring your physical abilities.

A schematic drawing of the PAT is included in this orientation material; however, the course layout may vary in order to conform to the EMS Department's test area. The events and distances between events are always the same. The events are placed in a sequence that best simulates EMS scene events while allowing a brief walk between events.

To ensure the highest level of safety and to prevent exhaustion, no running is allowed between events.

Test Forms

You must present valid identification and sign in before taking the PAT. Prior to the start of the PAT you must provide medical authorization from your physician indicating you're medically cleared to take the PAT test. It is your responsibility to ask questions if you do not understand any parts of the test events or procedures. You are required to complete the Waiver and Release Form.

Appeal Process

After a review of the PAT test and a candidate feels he/she may have an Issue completing an event, the candidate may appeal the event in writing at least three business days prior to the PAT test being administered. The appeal should be sent to the Town of Colonie Civil Service Office Attention Appeals Committee EMS PAT test. The Appeals Committee will meet prior to the PAT test to address appeals and advise candidates of the outcome of their appeal prior to the test.

Event 1 Stair Climb with Equipment

Equipment

Three Items of primary care equipment weighing approximately 72 pounds.
One flight of stairs (16 - 24 stairs, location dependent)

Purpose of Evaluation

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of climbing stairs with a full complement of primary care EMS equipment. This event challenges your aerobic capacity, and your upper and lower body muscular endurance.

Event

The candidate will pick up three EMS primary care bags and signal to the evaluator he/she is ready to start. The evaluator will then advise the candidate to start. The candidate will climb a flight of stairs touching each stair. The candidate will climb and descend the flight stairs twice. Upon completing the stair climb, the candidate will negotiate through two doors without putting any of the equipment down. The candidate will walk to the next event. Upon arrival at the next event, the candidate will place the three EMS bags down without dropping them. The candidate may not stop and rest.

Failures

Once the candidate has picked up the three primary EMS bags he/she may not put them down until they have reached the next event. If a candidate drops or sets the equipment down prior to reaching the next event, the candidate will fail the event and the PAT. The candidate must touch each stair of the stair climb. Failure to touch a stair will result in a failing grade for the event and the PAT. The candidate may not stop and rest.

Event 2 Patient Rescue

Equipment

One 165 lbs. manikin with full body harness
75' line

Purpose of Evaluation

This event is designed to simulate the critical task of removing a victim or injured partner from a rescue scene. This event challenges your aerobic capacity, upper and lower body muscular strength and endurance, grip strength and endurance, and anaerobic endurance.

Event

The candidate must put down without dropping the primary EMS equipment bags from event 1 and initiate a rescue after arriving at the manikin's side. The candidate must drag a 165 lbs. weighted manikin. The candidate must drag the manikin 75' following a line on a preset pathway. The candidate may set the manikin down to adjust his/her grip once. The candidate may not stop and rest. The manikin's head and shoulders must remain off the ground.

Failures

The candidate may only stop to reset his/her grip once. If a candidate stops to rest or drops the manikin's head to the ground, the candidate will fail the event and the PAT.

Event 3 Chest Compressions

Equipment

One standard CPR manikin.

Purpose of Evaluation

This event is designed to simulate the critical task of chest compressions while performing CPR on an arrested patient. This event challenges your aerobic capacity, upper body muscular strength and endurance, upper back muscular strength and endurance.

Event

Chest compressions must be hard and fast at least at rate of 100 compressions per minute. The evaluator will start the clock as soon as the first compression is completed. The candidate will continue to compress the manikin's chest for two minutes. The evaluator will advise the candidate when two minutes has elapsed. The candidate will then proceed directly to the next event without stopping.

Failures

The candidate will not stop compressions once started. If the candidate stops prior to the evaluator advises the completion of two minutes, the candidate will fail the event and the PAT.

Event 4 Lift a 165 lbs. patient attached to a backboard

Equipment

One 165-rescue manikin
Long backboard with straps

Purpose of Evaluation

This event challenges your aerobic capacity, upper body muscular strength, lower body muscular strength, balance, grip strength, and anaerobic endurance. This event is designed to simulate moving a patient around two narrow corners in a home.

Event

The candidate must pick up the head end of a 165 lbs. manikin attached to a backboard that will be butted up against a wall. The candidate must raise one end of the backboard in up to three movements. The first movement will require the candidate to raise the head of the backboard to the waist level. The second movement will require the candidate to lift the head of the backboard from the waist level upwards to a full arm extension. If a change of position is needed the second lift can be accomplished in two movements. This patient lift must be completed twice from waist level.

Failures

If the candidate drops the patient, stops to rest, or is unable to complete the lift, the candidate will fail the event and the PAT. If the candidate requires more than three movements to lift the backboard to a full arm extension, the candidate will fail the event and the PAT.

Event 5 Carry 120lb barbell backward 75'

Equipment

One 120 lbs. curl barbell
75' line

Purpose of Evaluation

This event challenges your aerobic capacity, upper body muscular strength, lower body muscular strength, balance, grip strength, and anaerobic endurance. This event is designed to simulate half of a loaded stretcher.

Event

The candidate must pick up a 120 lbs. curl barbell and walk backwards for 75'. The candidate may set the barbell down once to adjust his/her grip. The candidate is not allowed to stop and rest during the carry.

Failures

If the candidate drops the barbell or stops to rest during the carry, the candidate will fail the event and the PAT.

Event 6 Confined Space Crawl

Equipment

This event uses a 24" X 10' blacked pipe
4 traffic cones
2 blankets

Purpose of Evaluation

The purpose of this event is to determine if a candidate can crawl through a confined space to treat a trapped victim.

Event

Upon completion of the previous event the candidate must enter a darkened black pipe and negotiate their way through the pipe to the exit.

Failures

If a candidate is unable to enter and negotiate their way through the pipe they will fail the event and the PAT.

Event 7 Ladder Climb

Equipment

16' extension ladder
harness
150' rope and belay system
2 15' pieces of 1" tubular webbing

Purpose of Evaluation

The purpose of this event is to determine if a candidate is capable of climbing to a height to treat an injured victim.

Event

The candidate will start the event by putting on safety equipment provided (helmet and harness). The candidate will be attached to a belay line for safety. The candidate must ascend the ladder to the top and then descend the ladder to the ground.

Failures

If a candidate is unable to reach the top of the ladder or requires assistance from the belay line, the candidate will fail the event and the PAT.

Event 8 Cardiac Arrest Management with AED / Megacode

Equipment

Examination gloves

CPR mannequin (+ shock discharge device for ALS)

Automated external defibrillator (Cardiac Monitor + rhythm generator for ALS)

Bag-valve-mask

Oropharyngeal airway

Oxygen tank, regulator and flowmeter

Oxygen connecting tubing

Evaluation

EMT Candidates – This station is designed to test your ability to manage a prehospital cardiac arrest by integrating CPR skills, defibrillation, airway adjuncts and patient/scene management skills. There will be an EMT assistant in this station. The EMT assistant will only do as you instruct. As you arrive on the scene you find a patient on the floor. You must immediately establish control of the scene and care of the patient. At the appropriate time, the patient's airway must be controlled and you must ventilate the patient.

*See skill sheet

Paramedic Candidates - The candidate is evaluated on their ability to manage cardiac arrhythmias and interpret ECGs. You will be evaluated on your ability to manage a cardiac arrest situation, including actual delivery of electrical therapy and "voicing" all interpretations and treatments given a scenario.

*See skill sheet

Event

The candidate will complete a patient care scenario with the Medical Director (or their designee) present. Scenario may be recorded for additional review.

Failures

Candidate fails to perform to current protocols or standards.

Preparation for the Physical Ability Test

The Physical Ability Test consists of eight critical physical tasks that simulate actual job duties in the EMS service. This test is physically demanding and requires that you be physically fit to be successful. This guide was developed to assist you with physically preparing yourself for the test.

What is physical fitness in the EMS Service?

Physical fitness is the ability to perform physical activities, such as job tasks, with enough reserve for emergency situations and to enjoy normal activities when off duty.

What are the major areas of fitness?

The major areas of physical fitness include:

- flexibility
- cardiopulmonary endurance
- muscular strength
- muscular endurance

Body composition is also considered an area of physical fitness. It should be noted that excess body fat increases the workload placed upon the body and decreases the body's ability to dissipate heat. A proper physical fitness program should be specific for the job of EMS provider. It should include all of the major areas of physical fitness mentioned above and be a total body program. Although this is best accomplished at a gym with an array of equipment, this guide also includes exercises that require little or no equipment.

Hydration

Proper hydration is critical. All candidates should drink water before exercise, during exercise and after exercise. Additionally, you should drink at least one liter of water one hour before your PAT.

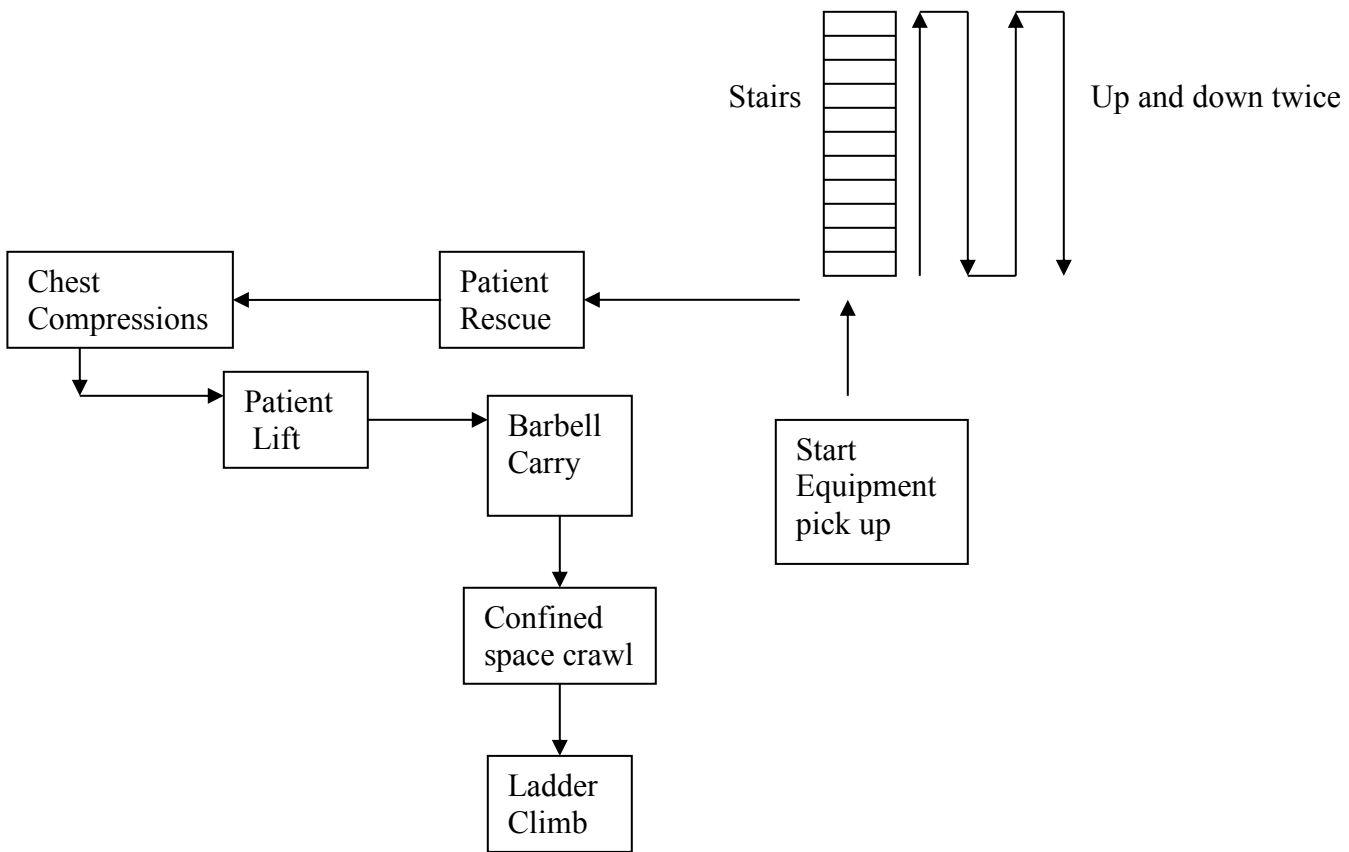
Warm-up & Flexibility

A warm-up serves several functions, including:

- increased blood flow to working muscles and joints
- decreased likelihood of injury
- decrease in pre-event tension
- possible improved performance
- Improved flexibility

A proper warm-up should begin with a few of minutes of the same type of activity you are about to do at a very light exertion level. For example, if you are preparing to go running you should run in place or for a short distance at a very easy pace. The next step is to stretch to improve flexibility and further your warm-up. There are two phases of stretching. The first phase is the easy stretch. In this phase, you should hold the stretch for 10 seconds in a range of motion that produces only mild tension. This prepares you for the second phase, the developmental stretch. In this phase, you should move slightly farther to the point where you feel a little more tension. This should be held for another 10 seconds.

Colonie EMS PAT Participant Diagram



The layout of the PAT may change slightly depending on the facility used to conduct the test.

CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT AED

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

This station is designed to test your ability to manage a prehospital cardiac arrest by integrating CPR skills, defibrillation, airway adjuncts and patient/scene management skills. There will be an EMT assistant in this station. The EMT assistant will only do as you instruct. As you arrive on the scene you find a patient on the floor. You must immediately establish control of the scene and care of the patient. At the appropriate time, the patient's airway must be controlled and you must ventilate *or* direct the ventilation of the patient using adjunctive equipment. You may use any of the supplies available in this room. You have 15 minutes to complete this skill station. Do you have any questions?

NOTES

STATION
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**CARDIAC ARREST
MANAGEMENT
AED**

Pass _____
Fail _____

Please Print

Candidate _____
Examiner _____ Initials _____
Date _____ Start Time _____ Stop Time _____

Points: **15** / **15** Comments

	Points	Comments
ASSESSMENT & INITIAL TREATMENT	Takes or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	C
	Appropriately assess patient and confirms no pulse	1
	Directs rescuer to begin single rescuer CPR	1
	Assures adequate CPR and adequate (visible) chest rise during ventilations	1
	Properly attaches AED pads in the correct locations	1
	Turns on AED	1
	Directs rescuer to stop CPR	1
	Ensures all individuals are clear of the patient	C
	Initiates analysis of the patient's rhythm	1
	Delivers one (1) shock	C
INTEGRATION	TRANSITION	1
	Immediately begins 2 rescuer CPR without performing a pulse check (candidate must be performing ventilations)(continues for 2 full minutes)	1
	Assures adequate CPR and adequate (visible) chest rise during ventilations	1
	Verbalizes insertion of a simple airway adjunct (oral/nasal airway)	1
	Assures high concentration of oxygen is delivered to the patient	1
	Assures CPR continues without unnecessary/prolonged interruption during the 2 minutes	1
	Directs rescuer to stop CPR	1
	Ensures all individuals are clear of the patient	C
	Initiates analysis of the patient's rhythm	1
	Delivers one (1) shock	C
Immediately begins 2 rescuer CPR without performing a pulse check (candidate should be performing ventilations)		
Verbalizes transportation of patient	1	
Candidate did not initiate first shock within 90 seconds of arrival	C	
Candidate did not initiate/resume CPR at appropriate times	C	
Candidate operated the AED improperly or unsafely	C	
Stops compressions to attach AED	C	
Candidate failed to assure appropriate compression-to-ventilation ratios	C	
Candidate completed station within 15 minute time limit	C	
Note: Candidate must complete all critical criteria and receive at least 11 points to pass this station.	15	

COMMENTS:



New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

STATION
5 - B

Adapted from NREMT
NATIONAL
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EXAMINATION

Critical Care & Paramedic Practical Examination
CARDIAC ARREST SKILLS STATION
DYNAMIC CARDIOLOGY

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____
Set A _____ Time Start: _____ Time End: _____

Takes or verbalizes infection control precautions	1	
Checks level of responsiveness	1	
Checks ABC's	1	
Initiates CPR if appropriate (verbally)	1	
Performs "Quick Look" with paddles	1	
Correctly interprets initial rhythm	1	
Appropriately manages initial rhythm	2	
Notes change in rhythm	1	
Checks patient condition to include pulse and if appropriate, BP	1	
Appropriately manages second rhythm	2	
Notes change in rhythm	1	
Checks patient condition to include pulse and, if appropriate, BP	1	
Correctly interprets third rhythm	1	
Appropriately manages third rhythm	2	
Notes changes in rhythm	1	
Checks patient condition to include pulse and, if appropriate, BP	1	
Correctly interprets fourth rhythm	1	
Appropriately manages fourth rhythm	2	
Orders high percentages of supplemental oxygen at proper times	1	

TOTAL TO PASS 17 TOTAL 24

CRITICAL FAILURE

- ___ Failure to deliver first shock in a timely manner due to operator delay in machine use or providing treatments other than CPR with simple adjuncts
- ___ Failure to deliver second or third shocks without delay other than the time required to reassess and recharge paddles
- ___ Failure to verify rhythm before delivering each shock
- ___ Failure to ensure the safety of self and others (verbalizes "All clear" and observes)
- ___ Inability to deliver DC shock (does not use machine properly)
- ___ Failure to demonstrate acceptable shock sequence
- ___ Failure to order initiation or resumption of CPR when appropriate
- ___ Failure to order correct management of airway (ET when appropriate)
- ___ Failure to administration of appropriate oxygen at proper time
- ___ Failure to diagnose or treat 2 or more rhythms correctly
- ___ Orders administration of an inappropriate drug or lethal dosage
- ___ Failure to correctly diagnose or adequately treat v-fib, v-tach, or asystole

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.