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KZN College of Emergency Care Prospectus - 2026



Vision

To be a leading College of Emergency Care and strive for excellence in the provision and advancement of emergency medical and rescue education.

Mission

To provide relevant education, based on current evidence and research, using comprehensive educational practices through a dynamic structure comprising motivated, dedicated and caring professionals

Core Values

Integrity, Discipline, Efficiency, Transparency, Innovation, Accountability, Professionalism, Dedicated, Motivation and Compassion



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VISION

To be a leading College of Emergency Care and strive for optimal health through excellence in the provision and advancement of Emergency Medical Care and Rescue Education and Training

MISSION

To provide emergency care education and training that is centered on current evidence based practices to support a sustainable, coordinated, integrated and comprehensive health system

PROGRAMMES OFFERED AT THE COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY CARE

1. Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care - (1 year)
2. Skills development programs (Accredited by Durban University of Technology)
 - 2.1 AHA Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers
 - 2.2 Advanced Life Support Refresher
 - 2.3 Emergency Defensive Driver Training
 - 2.4 Forensic Defensive Driver Training
 - 2.5 Emergency Medical Dispatcher
 - 2.6 Continuous Professional Development
 - 2.7 Clinical Practice Guidelines
3. Programs to be offered
 - 3.1 Diploma in Emergency Medical Care (DEMC) – (3 years)
 - 3.2 Advanced Certificate in Medical Rescue (ACMR) – (1 year)

NB: The prospectus presented in this document is subject to change. Although the college will make every endeavor to adhere to the dates as listed below, dates may be altered if circumstances demand. All dates of confirmed courses will be forwarded to the relevant stakeholders.

KZN COEC Contact details

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Section A: Program offered

1. Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care

Program name:	Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care
NQF Level:	5
SAQA Qualification ID:	120401
Field: 09	Health Sciences
Credits:	120
Duration:	1 year
Location:	College of Emergency Care, McCord Hospital, 89 McCord Road, Overport, Durban, 4052

Description of the program:

In year 2017, the National Emergency Care Education and Training (NECET) policy was promulgated to align the Emergency Medical Care profession with the other health care professions. The introduction of this policy, creates a career pathing or opportunities for lifelong learning within the Emergency Medical Care profession. The NECET policy was implemented by phasing out the short course certificate programs and replacing them with the 3 tiered NQF aligned educational framework.

The first tier of this framework is the Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care (HCert EMC), registered at NQF level 5. This qualification is the entry level qualification into the Emergency Medical Care profession. The successful graduates of the Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care will be registered with the Professional Board for Emergency Care (PBEC) of the HPCSA on the Emergency Care Assistant (ECA) register.

Entry requirements:

To register for the qualification, the candidate must comply with 1. Or 2. Or 3. And: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum APS - 18 • Pass Medical Fitness examination • Pass Physical Fitness assessment 	1. Senior Certificate (prior 2009)	2. National Senior Certificate with Higher Certificate endorsement	3. National Certificate (Vocational)
	Must have at least a minimum of E symbol on Higher Grade or D symbol on Standard Grade For all of these subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Mathematics • Biology and / or Physical Sciences 	Must have these subjects and rating codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English (3) • Mathematics (3) or Mathematical Literacy (6) • Life Sciences (3) and / or Physical Sciences (3) • Additional Subject 1 (3) • Additional Subject 2 (3) 	Must have a minimum pass of 60% for these subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Mathematics • Life Sciences and / or Physical Sciences

Admission Point Score (APS) Calculation

National Senior Certificate (NSC – from 2008)	
APS Rating	Rating/Level
8	7 (90-100%)
7	7 (80-89%)
6	6 (70-79%)
5	5 (60-69%)
4	4 (50-59%)
3	3 (40-49%)
2	2 (30-39%)
1	1 (1-29%)

National Certificate Vocational (NCV)			
APS Rating	Fundamental Subjects	APS Rating	Vocational Subjects
8	(90-100%)		
7	(80-89%)		
6	(70-79%)		
5	(60-69%)		
4	(50-59%)	4	4 (80-100%)
3	(40-49%)	3	3 (70-79%)
2	(30-39%)	2	2 (60-69%)
1	(1-29%)	1	1 (0-59%)

Senior Certificate (SC – Before 2008)						
APS Rating	LANGUAGES			OTHER SUBJECTS		
	HG 1 st Lang	HG 2 nd Lang	SG 1 st Lang	SG 2 nd Lang	Higher Grade	Standard Grade
8	A (90-100%)				A (90-100%)	
7	A (80-89%)				A (80-89%)	
6	B (70-79%)	A (80-100%)	A (80-100%)		B (70-79%)	A (80-100%)
5	C (60-69%)	B (70-79%)	B (70-79%)	A (80-100%)	C (60-69%)	B (70-79%)
4	D (50-59%)	C (60-69%)	C (60-69%)	B (70-79%)	D (50-59%)	C (60-69%)
3	E (40-49%)	D (50-59%)	D (50-59%)	C (60-69%)	E (40-49%)	D (50-59%)
2	F (33-39%)	E (40-49%)	E (40-49%)	D (50-59%)	F (33-39%)	E (40-49%)
1						F (33-39%)

CURRENT CLASSES
Class 2/2025

Commenced: June 2025
Finishes: June 2026

Curriculum for Higher Certificate:

Fundamental modules	NQF	Credits	Semester	Pre-requisite
Mental Health and Wellness	5	8	1 st Semester	
End User Computing	5	8	1 st Semester	
Physics	5	8	1 st semester	
Chemistry	5	8	1 st semester	
Foundation of Professional Practice	5	12	1 st semester	
Anatomy and Physiology	5	16	1 st & 2 nd Semester	
Core Modules	NQF	Credits	Semester	Pre-requisite
Emergency Medical Care Theory	5	15	1 st & 2 nd Semester	Chemistry, FOPP, A&P
Emergency Medical Care Practical	5	15	1 st & 2 nd Semester	Chemistry, FOPP, A&P
Clinical Practice	5	30	1 st & 2 nd Semester	Chemistry, FOPP, A&P

PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED

Program name:	Diploma in Emergency Medical Care (DEMC)
NQF Level:	6
Field:	09 - Health Sciences
Credits:	360
Duration:	3 years full-time
Location:	College of Emergency Care, McCord Hospital, 89 McCord Road, Overport, Durban, 4052

Description of the programme:

DEMC is an entry level qualification into the career pathway of emergency medical care. The aim of this training is to develop a well-rounded and capable individual who is able to adapt to the unique health needs of a developing nation. The successful graduates of the DEMC will be registered with the Professional Board for Emergency Care (PBEC) of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) on the Paramedic register. Graduates of this qualification will be able to work on ambulances in the urban and rural settings.

Entry Requirements

<p>To register for the qualification, the candidate must comply with 1. Or 2. Or 3.</p> <p>And:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum APS - 19 • Pass Medical Fitness examination • Pass Physical Fitness assessment 	<p>1. Senior Certificate (prior 2009)</p>	<p>2. National Senior Certificate with Higher Certificate endorsement</p>	<p>3. National Certificate (Vocational)</p>
	<p>Must have at least a minimum of E symbol on Higher Grade or D symbol on Standard Grade For all of these subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Mathematics • Biology and / or Physical Sciences 	<p>Must have these subjects and rating codes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English (4) • Mathematics (3) • Life Sciences (3) and / or Physical Sciences (3) • Additional Subject 1 (3) • Additional Subject 2 (3) 	<p>Must have a minimum pass of 60% for these subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Mathematics • Life Sciences and / or Physical Sciences

Mature Age Exemption

Prospective students who do not meet the matriculation requirements and are above 23 years of age with years of work experience may be able to gain access to formal program through the mature age exemption route. Mature age exemption forms part of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and will follow all the required procedures and processes.

Prospective student may also apply for credits accumulation and transfer: should more information be required in this regard, kindly contact the RPL section at the College.

APS Score calculation as per the table above

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Intermediate Life Support and Advanced Life Support Refresher ® Courses

DESCRIPTION

A 40 hour full time course. This forms part of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program offered by the College of Emergency Care - KZN, for emergency care trained personnel.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate his/her skills in the use of the problem solving process, by planning actions & the implementation & evaluation thereof.

This program is developed to introduce the new CPG's and complement existing knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to render emergency care through the process of interactive learning.

Continuous group and self – evaluations will be undertaken throughout the program. Prior learning is encouraged.

A summative assessment will be conducted on the last day of the course.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

HPCSA protocol knowledge and skills are assumed as well as applied anatomy & physiology thereof. Emphasis will be placed on the CPG's

Interactive learning will revolve around the following:

- Recognition and management of the critically ill and trauma patient
- Recognition and management of life threatening cardiac disorders
- Recognition and management of life threatening respiratory disorders
- Recognition and management of obstetric and paediatric emergencies.

Each of the above will be approached as follows:

- Initial stabilization
- Choice of transport
- Patient Care in transit
- Consignment of the patient to the appropriate medical care
- Post – scenario analysis (debrief)
- Documentations – Records, follow-up and research
- Transfer from one medical facility to another

QUALIFICATION

No additional qualification will be obtained on completion of this course but successful completion of the program will allow operational personnel to administer the new drugs and perform the new skills.

COURSE: ADVANCED AND INTERMEDIATE LIFE SUPPORT REFRESHER COURSE (ILS R)

COURSE WILL BE SCHEDULED AS REQUIRED OR REQUESTED

EMERGENCY DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING COURSE (EDDT)

DESCRIPTION

A 4 day program that is the entry level course for Emergency Defensive Driver Training designed to teach the students basic defensive driving techniques.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To minimize the accident rate of responders driving emergency service vehicles.

To foster a high level of safety in the use of emergency vehicles by ensuring safety of personnel's, patient and other road users.

COURSE CONTENT

Emergency defensive driver training covers the theoretical and practical aspects of driving emergency service vehicles.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 21 years of age or older plus
- A valid driver's license code C1 or higher with a valid PrDP

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Admission
Hundred percent (100%) attendance for theory and practical sessions.

FORMAT

The assessment shall consist of two (2) parts:

- A theoretical 45 minute written paper
- A practical driving assessment, of 15 minutes per candidate.

PASS

To pass, a candidate has to obtain

- At least 50% in the theory examination paper
- Satisfactory practical driving

RE-ASSESSMENT

After passing this course, qualified attendees may be subjected to a re-assessment upon the Regional Management or the Accident Investigation Committee request.

No additional qualification will be obtained by completing this course.

The certificate is valid for 2 years.

COURSE WILL BE SCHEDULED AS REQUIRED OR REQUESTED

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHER (EMD) COURSE

DESCRIPTION

A 10 day program that is the entry level program for Call Taking and Dispatch Techniques designed for the Emergency Communications Centre.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This programme is suitable for those who are currently working as dispatchers and who wish to improve their skills. It is also suitable for those who would like to develop a career as a dispatcher or a call taker. The programme examines the latest techniques and developments for EMD professionals

COURSE CONTENT

Techniques on call taking, medical advice, disaster management, dispatching, CAD in an Emergency Situation, both theoretical and practical will be presented.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 18 years of age or older plus
- A valid driver's license code B, C1 or C
- Basic Ambulance Assistant qualified.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Admission
Hundred percent (100%) attendance in theoretical and practical sessions.

FORMAT

The assessment shall consist of two (2) parts:

- A theoretical 2 hour written paper
- A practical assessment of 15 minute per candidate.

PASS

To pass, a candidate has to obtain

- At least 50% in the theory examination paper
- Satisfactory practical assessment

RE-ASSESSMENT

No re-assessment however, qualified EMD personnel will undertake refresher program.

COURSE WILL BE SCHEDULED AS REQUIRED OR REQUESTED

ONE DAY BLS AND ILS CPD AND CPG UPDATES

DESCRIPTION

A 6 hour training event that forms part of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program offered by the College of Emergency Care - KZN, for emergency care trained personnel. These courses will be facilitated by the District Lecturers and will be conducted in the district.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate his/her skills in the use of the problem solving process, by planning actions & the implementation & evaluation thereof.

This program is developed to complement existing knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to render emergency care through the process of interactive learning.

Continuous group and self – evaluations will be undertaken throughout the program. Prior learning is encouraged through the submission of assignments.

A summative assessment will be conducted on the last day of the course.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

HPCSA protocol knowledge and skills:

- BLS qualification
- ILS qualification

Interactive learning will revolve around the following:

- Recognition and management of the critically traumatised patient
- Recognition and management of life-threatening cardiac disorders
- Recognition and management of life-threatening respiratory disorders and gastrointestinal disorders
- Recognition and management of obstetrical and pediatric emergencies.

Each of the above will be approached as follows:

- Initial stabilization
- Choice of transport
- Care in transit
- Consignment of the patient to the appropriate medical care
- Post – scenario analysis (debrief)
- Documentations – Records, follow-up and research
- Inter-facility transfer

QUALIFICATION

No additional qualification will be obtained on completion of this course.

COURSE: BLS & ILS CPD AND CPG UPDATES

Course	Venue	Dates	No of Seats
Update 1/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	13; 15; 16; 19; 22; 23; 26 & 27 January	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 2/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	4; 6; 10; 12; 13; 16; 18; 20; 23 & 24 February	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 3/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	4; 6; 10; 12; 16; 18; 20; 23; 24 & 30 March	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 4/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	7; 9; 10; 13; 16; 17; 20; 21; 24 & 29 April	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 5/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	5; 7; 11; 14; 15; 19; 22; 25; 26 & 27 May	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 6/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	2; 4; 5; 8; 12; 18; 22; 24; 26 & 29 June	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 7/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	6; 8; 10; 14; 16; 20; 23; 24; 27 & 28 July	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 8/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	5; 7; 11; 13; 14; 17; 20; 24; 25 & 27 August	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 9/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	2; 4; 8; 10; 14; 16; 18; 21; 22 & 28 September	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 10/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	6; 8; 12; 15; 16; 20; 22; 26 & 28 October	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 11/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	3; 5; 9; 12; 13; 17; 20; 23; 24 & 25 November	Dependent on District Capacity
Update 12/2026	ALL DISTRICTS	3; 4; 7; 9; 11 & 15 December	Dependent on District Capacity

NB: The ALS Forums will be conducted in the districts and the District Lecturer will confirm the training dates.
Dates provided above are subject to change.

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