



#### Job Situation

Emergency medical personnel work both indoors and outdoors, often in physically demanding, stressful circumstances and shift work. May require much lifting. Safety precautions must be observed

#### Weekly Hours of Work

40

#### Overtime

As required

#### Monthly Salary

\$3,300

#### Student Loan – Owing

\$18,000

#### Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$220

#### Duties

Assess and determine medical treatment.  
Obtain the patient's medical history.  
Perform diagnostic procedures.  
Administer pre-hospital emergency care.  
Document the injuries and treatment.

#### Prospects

Municipal and private ambulance services. Municipal fire department services

#### Job Title

Paramedic

#### National Occupational Classification (NOC)

3234

#### Job Description

Going back to school you took the 2 year program at your local college and became a paramedic. You are always on the go and are kept very busy. Things can get slightly chaotic so you can never loose your cool. Your partner thanks his lucky stars that he got you to work with because you have a lot of experience and are always able to rectify the situation. Your shift starts with checking the ambulance; making sure you are stocked up on all the supplies you need.

You must be able to handle anything from heart attacks to seizures. Every one has a different emergency and it is up to you to get them to the hospital for secondary care as fast as you can. You need to be up to date on all your first aid. In fact you just completed your course and are a certified emergency medical responder which is required of you.

Anything can happen in a moment; usually during your lunch time. You have to be able to set down that tasty sandwich and go help the elderly man with heart trouble. Sometimes there is a lull where none seems to be in any serious danger since there are no calls. You and your partner throw in a movie and see about twenty minutes of it before you are off on another call.

Your last call of the day is a bad one. A young couple driving home had lost control of their car. The wife is a little shaky and has a small cut on her forehead. There is nothing serious enough that a bandage and TLC won't cure. The husband on the other hand needs to go to the hospital. You set off sirens blaring in the direction of the hospital. Some days are hard and you push through them but you are always relieved every time you get there in time.