

# **Professional EMS Education: An Outreach Program for CO TC - 045**

## **Statistics for Testing**

All NR exams are "Adaptive Testing"

Below is the description of "Adaptive Testing"

The adaptive process is an exam sequence that means the more questions the testee gets correct in sequence and difficulty the less questions the testee will answer.

On the opposite side if the testee answers questions incorrectly, they may take more questions to pass

The minimum number of questions to take and pass is 70, the maximum is 120

The maximum number of questions to take and fail is 70, the maximum is 120

The fewer the questions you take represents a greater preparation and comprehension of material covered in the class to successfully pass the NR exam

Below are the statistics for the last 174 students from our program who have taken the NR exam

150 have passed the exam in 80 questions or less on the first attempt

22 have passed the exam in 80-120 questions on the first attempt

2 passed the exam on the second attempt at the exam

## EMT Class Reviews from Previous Students

I was referred to PEE by a Captain at Grand Junction Fire Department during a job fair. The Captain had said that PEE and Fidel we highly respected and trusted to produce competent EMT's. So I contacted Fidel shortly after and signed up for my EMT Basic course in March of 2018.

EMT

Before my course officially began I was in contact with Fidel and he got me my book and from there I haven't looked back. I learned A TON of information in Fidel's class. It was a fun time through all of the studying and stress. The multiple instructors that help the class throughout I think is the greatest part about the class, you are able to be taught a few different ways to help you adapt your own style of care and rapport with patients and other EMS personnel.

EMT

As class was ending I applied to Palisade Fire Department and in my interview told them I got a really good score in Fidel's class and that basically made me an automatic hire. You are taught to the standard needed to meet national competency, but you are also taught and made familiar with care above that, which makes your job interacting with ALS providers at your department that much more fluid and helpful.

EMT

While I'm sure the other centers that offer training For EMS are good in their own right, there is a noticeable difference in the amount of practical knowledge I've seen between what I know and seen in other former PEE students compared to students from the other centers.

EMT

I took Fidel's EMT-Basic class in 2017, and to be honest, it was one of the best decisions I have made. The class is challenging, and it will push you very hard - sometimes to your limit - but if you are motivated to work in this field, you will get through it. Fidel is one of the most knowledgeable people in this field, and you will get nothing less than an exceptional education in his program. The other instructors were always incredibly helpful and willing to take extra time to help and make sure we were doing well throughout the class. You will get some of the best hands on training offered, which will set you up for success once you get hired into this line of work.

EMT

There are numerous positions that you can apply for once you are a certified EMT-B, including an ER tech, firefighter/EMT, Medical Assistant, or like myself currently, a phlebotomist as well as one of Fidel's instructors. There are options in this field, which is awesome if you decide that solely working on an ambulance might not be your "thing." As long as you apply yourself and push yourself in class, this will be one of the best investments you will make, and the amount of knowledge you finish with will surprise you as you start working in this field.

EMT - Intermediate

I took my EMT Basic course through Professional EMS Education in May of 2014. I took the course because it sounded interesting and a good certification regardless of my following employment. While taking the course I ended up falling in love with EMS and decided to pursue some sort of full-time position in EMS. Shortly after finishing up my EMT Basic program I started helping at Professional EMS Education teaching CPR and first aid classes. I also helped with the following EMT Basic courses from time to time. After about a year following my EMT Basic course I obtained a position at Delta County Ambulance District as a PRN then transitioned into a full-time roll. After working full time EMS as a basic provider, I decided to take the next step towards an ALS position and enroll in an EMT Intermediate program with Professional EMS Education. I completed the course in the fall of 2017 and have been working as an ALS provider since. I now work as a lieutenant EMT Intermediate for Delta County Ambulance District and as an instructor for Professional EMS Education. By taking that one EMT Basic course, just to pass some time, I found my passion and love for EMS. Professional EMS Education has been invaluable to me and my career by providing me with some of the greatest education I have ever had. I hope to see you in a following class  
EMT-Intermediate

I have been involved with P.E.E. classes for some time. I have taken initial certification classes, as well as refresher courses and many other continuing education courses. The required BLS/ACLS/PALS classes for my level of certification are also accomplished through P.E.E.

The quality of the courses offered by P.E.E. are what draws students to the programs offered. As the EMS Coordinator for Mesa County, I get to see the end result of EMS education programs from all over the Country, and the P.E.E. programs are among the top when it comes to skilled providers.

The EMT classes at P.E.E. prepare you for the field, as they are scenario based from start to finish. Real calls, real scenarios, real outcomes based on student actions, all conducted in a professional, safe environment. When in classes with P.E.E., you feel like the instructors truly care about you and your education. They do this because they care about the patients that you will be responsible for during your career in EMS.

In my current position as an EMS Coordinator, I draw on knowledge gained from many resources and years of experience. The initial and continuing education by P.E.E. prepared me for a career in EMS, but more importantly prepared me to understand the value of continuously learning about our profession. This helps me to develop a system of caring for patients in the safest, most efficient way possible.

Paramedic

I am currently an EMT-B. I took the basic EMT class four years ago. The class was hands on which was a great way to learn the skills needed to become a great EMT. The class was challenging but worth every minute.

This is a great time to become an EMT, the City of Grand Junction will be hiring 20 new employees per year over the next three years. Most of the Fire Department in the valley are looking for volunteer positions that may turn into full time positions. You are also able to work in the emergency rooms in the valley.

The best part about the EMT-Basic program you will have lots of opportunities to achieve your education.

EMT

I took Fidel's EMT class almost 3 years ago and I am now a firefighter with the city of Grand Junction. I know that Fidel's class played a direct role in me getting hired into a paid position. Once I started working full time I realized that I was well prepared for the job and treating patients. I also started to realize that Fidel is well known in the EMS world. I have people on my department that have been working there for 20 plus years that smile when they hear his name and say they had him as an instructor. Fidel is well known in this valley and for good reason, he is an amazing teacher and I am pretty sure he is actually a doctor but won't admit it.

Paramedic

Fidel is a wonderful teacher and is very aware of his teaching style and how different students learn. His class is the perfect combination of book knowledge, hands on skills, and visual aids. If I had to describe his class I would describe it as an emotional rollercoaster. He puts his students in uncomfortable positions running scenarios and expects the best from all of them. At the end of each scenario he starts off with the things the students did well, even if there were few. Then he moves on to let us know what we failed at, but in his class failing isn't a negative thing. Only after failing at something do you realize that he just taught you a lesson that you will now never forget. He teaches you how to be comfortable with being uncomfortable, a very important skill in EMS. Even though Fidel is retired he is still a patient advocate, he teaches his students to the best of his ability because some day we are going to be called upon to save a life, and we are going to be ready. I know I was.

I am happy to write this review for Fidel, he is a mentor to me and a friend. I hope this was helpful.

Paramedic

I have taken Fidel's EMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic course as well as taught for him since 2011. I am currently a full time Paramedic/Firefighter in Mesa County. Fidel provides the most detailed and skills/scenario based courses available in this area. Fidel's courses are challenging and he has a high standard for what is an acceptable performance and this helps to prepare you for the challenging career field you are entering. After completing Fidel's classes I had no difficulty passing the NREMT Exams or skills exams and I felt well prepared to enter my career.

Paramedic

This class has been hands down one of the best and educational classes I've ever taken. I have done a lot of schooling, getting my BS in Health and Exercise Science and my Masters in Business from CSU, and this class by far was the most interactive and incredibly well organized. I'm mostly impressed by how the information flowed so that we used everything from day 1 throughout the class. I believe that is what makes the information most applicable and useful in the future. Many classes segment information by learning a subject, taking a test on it and then going to the next subject. I never felt like I was bouncing around. Also the interactivity was top notch. Everybody was required to participate which might have made students nervous, however it's an extremely effective way of learning. The instructor, Fidel, made this class one of the most enjoyable classes to take. There was not one class where I felt bored or unattentive. Fidel has been more effective and efficient in teaching than most college professors I've been a student for. I'd recommend this class over and over and I hope I will be allowed to come back and help in future classes.

EMT

I would highly recommend PROEMS to anyone interested in gaining EMS Education. It was the best class I've ever taken of any subject and any education system. Fidel left me in awe of his experience and knowledge of EMS. He was engaging, passionate and I could not have asked for a better instructor

EMT-Intermediate

Since 2006/2007 I have been continuously impressed with Professional EMS Education. I have not only witnessed but also been a party to the classes put on by Professional EMS Education and have nothing but praises to say. The classes are of the highest quality and produce phenomenal providers with exceptional knowledge, skills and abilities. I always look forward to classes put on by Fidel and learning new leading edge information and techniques. Thank you for setting such a high standard.

Paramedic

I want to thank you for choosing to teach me how to be the best EMT possible. I appreciate you putting us into those uncomfortable situations. It's tough, I won't lie but I know it is going to make me better. Thank you

EMT