

Student Spotlight



Alicia Clinton

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Southern California

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Background

I was born and raised in Southern California. I came to the Boston area to train at Pro EMS Center for MEDICS. It has always been my dream to help people and make a difference in the local community, so I can help those who struggle and maybe make this a better world.

I am grateful to have a family that supports me in these goals. Both my parents have really allowed me to learn and grow. My mother is an LVN and has an amazing heart. She does a lot of home care and hospice work, and shares my love of helping people. My step-father is an analyst for a water agency in San Bernadino County and teaches at the local college. Jeanette, my fiancé, has also been a huge supporter of my work, and I'm grateful to have her in my life.

I have a diverse background. While I was studying to become a nurse, I worked in auto sales and marketing and tended bar. I believe these experiences have given me a unique understanding of people from all walks of life. I was originally certified as an EMT at a community college in California and then recertified by the CA Institute of Emergency Medical Training. Though I liked my nursing courses, I found that I really wanted to be out in the community, always learning, growing and stretching myself.

Why train as an EMT at Pro Center For MEDICS?

I was very excited to come to Pro EMS Center for MEDICS. It is rated as one of the top training programs in the country, and is a large part of why I came to the Boston area. The instructors here inspire me to go above and beyond what I need to know to just do the job. I appreciate the hands-on training, the cadaver labs and the simulation labs. I like that there are uniforms and the team enforces a strict standard of behavior among the students. They expect a lot from us, but they are always there to help and guide our training. They really want us to succeed.

My clinical rotation at Mt. Auburn hospital was very eye-opening. I have a tremendous amount of respect for the hospital staff, particularly the ER nurses. They all work so hard caring for patients, charting, keeping track of doctor orders and tests, and so much more! I have a renewed respect for their diligence and patience.

The work that Pro does in the community is also inspiring. I like the fact that I can participate in community CPR events and initiatives to improve community health throughout Boston. I am inspired by our Director of Community Initiatives, Danielle Rabickow, and all that she does to reach out to people in Cambridge and beyond.

Looking Toward the Future

Pro EMS Center for MEDICS will train me well for my ultimate goal of becoming a Flight MEDIC. While here, I am able to work with Boston MedFlight, which is an amazing asset to the program. My training is giving me the real-life, hands-on experiences I need to become a great paramedic and truly serve my community.

About Pro EMS Center for MEDICS

As the first nationally accredited paramedic program in the state of Massachusetts, Pro EMS Center for MEDICS offers a rigorous paramedic program, as well as a variety of specialty courses that are designed to allow EMS service providers to achieve the highest standards in the industry.

The Center works with all members of the EMS community – from EMTs and Paramedics to Firefighters, Police Officers, Military Personnel, Physicians, and Nurses. It is the first EMS educational facility in Massachusetts to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). The Center is also accredited by Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a Training Institution.

For more information about Pro EMS Center for MEDICS, please visit www.centerformedics.com or call (617) 682-1811.

Student Profile

Alicia Clinton Aspires to Career Success in EMS

Alicia Clinton was born and raised in Southern California and relocated to the Boston area to pursue her dream of becoming a paramedic at one of the best training facilities in the country: Pro EMS Center for MEDICS. Her mother is a nurse and her father works for Los Angeles County. Alicia knew from a young age that she wanted to make a difference in her community and help people. Her parents are staunch supporters of her goals.

After graduating from high school, Alicia received her EMT certification from a local community college while working at a car dealership. Unfortunately, Alicia let her EMT certification lapse and was recertified at the CA Institute of Emergency Medical Training whose instructors were passionate about their work. This reinforced Alicia's interest in medicine and community health. She took courses to become an LPN, but quickly decided that was not the field for her. "I want to always be learning, be out in the community and continue in the medical field," says Alicia "I love EMS and I wanted to return to it."

Alicia's background is diverse. While studying nursing, she worked in automotive sales and marketing and also tended bar. She feels these varied experiences give her the foundation to be a strong paramedic and enable her to relate to people and their emotional and medical needs. "Being an EMT or paramedic you see people on the worst day of their lives, whether it is after a car accident, during a heart attack, or even after the death of a parent or child," says Alicia. "You have to be prepared and know how to deal with their emotions."

When Alicia decided to pursue her goal of becoming a paramedic, she started saving money and she and her fiancé, Jeanette, began researching the best schools. "Pro EMS Center for MEDICS is rated one of the best in the country," says Alicia. "I am so incredibly glad I am here. The instructors inspire me to go above and beyond what I need to know to do the job. Incoming students should be sure to take advantage of every opportunity here!"

Alicia appreciates that Pro EMS Center for MEDICS has uniforms and enforces a strict standard of behavior with its students. Alicia knows she is receiving outstanding training. "Pro EMS is not just an ambulance company, they are also part of the community, providing CPR training throughout the Boston area," says Alicia. "For example, I am looking forward to participating in a community initiative in a middle school providing CPR training, basic EMT training for healthcare providers, and medical basics for babysitters."

"Danielle Rabikcow, our Director of Community Initiatives, is an amazing leader," says Alicia. "I have never been intimidated working in a predominately male field, and working with Danielle validates my experience."

Alicia's current goal is to become a Flight Medic. She knows that her training at Pro EMS Center for MEDICS will prepare her well. She is excited to train with Boston MedFlight while at the Center. Alicia also appreciates the Simulation Labs and the manikins that she trains with, and feels that it raises her confidence while performing her job. Alicia knows that training at Pro EMS Center for MEDICS is giving her the real life experience and not just the book knowledge to be a great paramedic and serve her community.