

# Student Spotlight



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## Background

I am a first generation American. My parents immigrated to the Boston area before I was born. I always wanted to be a First Responder because I could see the importance of the work, and knew I was not suited for a regular full-time desk job. I enrolled at Bunker Hill Community College and then transferred to Salem State College, majoring in Criminal Justice and hoped to be a police officer someday. I found that I loved the medical side of being a First Responder, so I earned my EMT certificate and, after only a few months, I knew I wanted to take my education further and complete my training as a paramedic.

Being bilingual has also been a real advantage for me, my patients, and my colleagues. When a patient is in an emergency situation, they are often confused and frightened, and being unable to communicate with the emergency team only exacerbates things. It is so rewarding to be able to show these patients that they are understood and their needs are being met, and it's a huge relief to so many people. I am not only drawn to paramedicine because I can really make a difference in people's lives, but also because I know I am setting a great example for my two sons. Being a mom and a student certainly has its challenges, but I know my children see my hard work and are proud of me.

## Why train as an EMT at Pro Center For MEDICS?

I work for Fallon Ambulance Service and began researching paramedic training programs some time ago. I was looking for excellence, and everyone said that Pro EMS Center for MEDICS is the best of the best. I knew they had an intense program, and as a mother of two young boys, I knew I had to maximize my time. I appreciated that the accelerated program offered me options to work around my own schedule. The support of the staff and faculty is outstanding – they really work with you to help you succeed, no matter what else you may have in your life.

I love that Pro EMS takes learning to the next level by offering amazing hands-on opportunities such as simulation labs, cadaver programs, excellent ride time and outstanding clinical opportunities. The instructors are very involved with the students, and are always available to answer questions. The state-of-the-art training facilities really help us feel prepared to go out on the job.

I really appreciate the fact that Pro EMS Center for MEDICS has established a good rapport with a wide variety of Boston-area hospitals. My clinical rotation at Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett, MA was extraordinary. The staff is open, supportive and helpful, offering us many ways to learn and grow. My ride time has also been an awesome experience, challenging my knowledge and assessment skills while exposing me to different styles and situations. Though I was nervous to begin these hands-on experiences, Center For Medics really prepared me to meet the challenge.

## Looking Toward the Future

I am excited to complete my paramedic training at Pro EMS Center for MEDICS and continue my work at Fallon Ambulance, possibly continuing as a nursing student someday. The support and education I have received here is first-rate. I look forward to being able to making a real difference in the community and to an amazing future with my two boys.

## 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](http://www.centerformedics.com) or call (617) 682-1811.

# Student Profile

## Anna Galvez Attends Pro EMS Center for MEDICS

From an early age, Anna Galvez wanted to be a First Responder. She is a first generation American whose Guatemalan parents immigrated to Boston before she was born. In hopes of becoming a police officer, Anna enrolled at Salem State University majoring in criminal justice. "I found that I loved the medical part of being a First Responder," says Anna. "And after a few months of working as an EMT, I knew I wanted to take my education further and become a paramedic."

After working at Fallon Ambulance Service, Anna began researching paramedic training programs. Being a bilingual mother of two young boys, Anna wanted her training to begin sooner rather than later and appreciated the flexibility of the Pro EMS program. "I asked around and everyone said Pro EMS Center for MEDICS is the best!" remembers Anna. "They have an intense program, one of the most respected in the industry."

Anna loves that Pro EMS Center for MEDICS takes learning to the next level by covering more than the minimum required for certification. Training is very hands-on and includes the cadaver program, simulation programs, and extensive ride time. She also appreciates how involved the instructors are with the students. They are always available to answer questions, and they work closely with students to set up positive clinical experiences and ride times. In addition, Pro EMS Center for MEDICS has a state-of-the-art simulation lab with manikins for hands-on training that help students feel more prepared to move out on the job.

Anna appreciates that Pro EMS Center for MEDICS has established a good rapport with a variety of Boston-area hospitals. She loved her clinical rotation at Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett, MA. "The staff was open and super supportive," she continues. "They really helped me learn, making sure I could follow interesting cases and sharing their insights and plans of care. It was extremely helpful, because, as medics, we usually only make it to the ER, so experiencing patient care from beginning to end is amazing."

Though she was nervous about beginning her ride time, she found the experience to be similarly rewarding. "Ride time really challenges your knowledge and assessment skills while exposing you to a variety of ways of thinking and executing," she continues.

As a woman and a mom, Anna sometimes feels as though she is defined by those roles rather than by the merit of her capabilities, but she just works harder to prove herself. She is excited to pursue her dream of becoming a paramedic and may one day enroll in nursing school.