

Student Spotlight

Background

I spent much of my early childhood in Korea, but grew up in Bedford, MA. Now, I am a sophomore in Art History at Amherst College and I am taking a year off to pursue my EMS certification. At Amherst, I received my EMT certificate and have served on the Amherst College Emergency Medical Service (ACEMS) where I also serve on the Board of Directors. I love working at ACEMS and have also been involved in training future EMTs, monitoring incoming emergency calls, and scheduling volunteers. My co-workers at ACEMS really inspired me to continue on to paramedic training. Their leadership and dedication showed me what my future in emergency medicine could look like.

Why train as an EMT at Pro Center For MEDICS?

I had several people in the field highly recommend Pro Center for MEDICS. Here, I can get the hands-on training I need to really excel. Pro is unique, providing greater amounts of ride time, simulation labs, and truly dedicated staff that is always there to answer questions and help us become the best we can be. I am also excited that I can obtain certificates beyond those required to be a paramedic.

Pro Center for MEDICS is about more than just training, however. The staff and students really get out into the community and make a difference from Day 1. I have been able to participate in the community initiatives that Pro EMS Center for MEDICS organizes and manages. For example, I provided CPR training for the public at the CambridgeSide Galleria, and I really look forward to more events like that.

I am also really excited to have the opportunity to work at some of the best hospitals in the country. During my clinical training, I was placed with physicians and nurses at Mt. Auburn Hospital, where I had the chance to learn from the very best. One of the coolest things I observed was how much of an impact good communication has on effective patient care. I also learned the in-hospital protocols for procedures that we may encounter in the field. These experiences and connections will be invaluable to me in my future career in medicine.

Looking Toward the Future

I am really looking forward to completing my Paramedic Certification and returning to my junior year at Amherst. While there, I will continue working as an EMT on campus and will return to my art history studies. It might seem a bit strange major for someone interested in medicine, but I truly believe that learning to understand the context and meaning of art will help me to become a better diagnostician. Eventually, I want to become a physician in emergency medicine, and my training at Pro EMS Center for MEDICS combined with my academic work will really prepare me for this path in life.



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“I feel so fortunate to have the incredible opportunity to study at Pro EMS Center for MEDICS. I really appreciate the high quality of the instruction and the hands-on training!”

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

Christine Kim Attends Pro EMS Center for MEDICS, A Step Toward Becoming a Physician in Emergency Medicine

Christine Kim is taking a year off between her sophomore and junior years at Amherst College in Amherst, MA to obtain her Paramedic Certificate from Pro EMS Center for MEDICS. Christine grew up in Bedford, MA but spent her early years in Korea. In 2013, she graduated from Lexington Christian Academy and then entered Amherst College. While there, Christine received her EMT certificate and joined the Amherst College Emergency Medical Service (ACEMS). At ACEMS, she loved working as an EMT and was elected to the Board of Directors. She also enjoys teaching the Amherst Winter EMT Course to future EMTs, monitoring incoming emergency calls and scheduling volunteers.

Two senior members of ACEMS greatly influenced Christine in her career path. They impressed her with their leadership, knowledge and dedication. “I knew I wanted to learn more and become a paramedic to support my goal of practicing emergency medicine in the future,” she said. Pro EMS Center for MEDICS was highly recommended by her peers because of their state-of-the-art equipment, simulations, connection with area hospitals, and highly trained and approachable staff. “The program is also flexible, which is a huge plus for college students,” said ACEMS Director of Operations Kenny Kim.

Christine has been particularly impressed by her hands-on training opportunities at Pro EMS. She completed her clinical rotation at Mt. Auburn Hospital. “Aside from the neat tips and tricks I learned from the staff there, I saw how closed-loop communication helped avoid mistakes even during stressful situations,” she said. “I always hear how important communication is, but watching it in action in the hospital setting was inspiring.”

In addition to her regular training, Christine has also completed some shifts with Boston MedFlight and has participated in the community initiatives that Pro EMS Center for MEDICS organizes and manages such as CPR training for the public at the CambridgeSide Galleria. “There are so many incredible opportunities to expand upon what we do as paramedics,” she said. “If you go into the program with the goal of giving it your all for the year, you won’t regret it!”

Christine is looking forward to completing her Paramedic Certification and returning to her junior year at Amherst where she will continue her Art History Major and work as an EMT and paramedic at ACEMS. She said her art studies train her to see the whole picture. When she interprets a painting, Christine meticulously analyzes it to discover its meaning, researches the historical time period when it was painted, and hypothesizes about the artist’s interest in that subject. The same holds true for Christine when she is diagnosing a patient.

“Majoring in Art History will help me in my goal of becoming a physician in emergency medicine,” elaborated Christine. “When I learn to see the entire picture of how a piece of art is created, I also learn how to see the entire patient and not just their symptoms.” A medical professional must include in his or her analysis the patient’s history, background, heritage, culture, and social habits. Christine is confident that training at Pro EMS Center for MEDICS and her Art History Major will help her become the best professional she can be.