

Empowering Our Community: The Bloomsburg EMS Training Institute

In today's ever-changing world, emergency preparedness is more crucial than ever. At the forefront of this mission in our region is the Bloomsburg EMS Training Institute (BETI), a premier educational facility dedicated to equipping individuals with lifesaving skills. As the only stand-alone training institute in the area—not affiliated with a hospital system or university, the institute plays a vital role in strengthening the emergency response capabilities through the education of the general public, the workforce of the area all while supporting local healthcare providers educational needs, and fostering the next generation of emergency medical professionals.

The institute began operations in 2023 and has already certified over 1,200 individuals through various affiliate programs. Additionally, BETI has obtained its Pennsylvania Department of Health license as a training institute in the summer of 2024, further solidifying its commitment to high-quality emergency medical education.

A Commitment to Excellence in Training

The Bloomsburg EMS Training Institute offers a comprehensive range of courses designed to meet the needs of everyone—from the general public looking to learn basic lifesaving techniques to experienced healthcare professionals seeking advanced certifications. Whether it's CPR for everyday citizens, advanced life support classes for experienced medical personnel ranging from paramedics to nurses and doctors, or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training for those pursuing careers in emergency services. The institute provides high-quality, instruction and hands-on education for all skill levels following core values.

Brilliance – Striving for excellence in education and training.

Empowerment – Equipping students with not only the skills but confidence to save lives.

Technical Proficiency – Ensuring mastery of critical clinical medical skills.

Innovation – Advancing medical education with interactive and modern learning techniques.

With a team of highly experienced instructors, including certified professionals in pre-hospital care, students receive real-world training that meets and exceeds national standards. The institute partners with the American Heart Association, licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and launched its affiliation with the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) in March of 2025, ensuring that all courses provide the most current and effective emergency response education available. Whether training first responders, healthcare professionals, daycare employees or members of the public, the goal remains the same: to save lives and create a safer community.

Outside of certifications, the institute offers continuing education for healthcare providers to obtain required credits for state certification ensuring a broader impact on the community's safety and preparedness.

The institute is nearing completion of its first Pennsylvania Department of Health EMT training program, with 16 students in the final stages of preparation for testing through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). This milestone marks a significant achievement in the institute's growth and commitment to the future emergency medicine in the region. This program alone has strengthened bonds between and would not be possible without our clinical site partners

of Bloomsburg Volunteer Ambulance, Greater Columbia Medical Transport Service, and Elysburg Fire Department EMS.

Strengthening Our Workforce and Community

The institute offers tailored corporate and community training programs, helping local businesses, schools, and organizations prepare for emergencies. These customized training sessions empower employees, educators, and everyday citizens to respond effectively in critical situations, ultimately making our community more resilient. We can help protect the wellbeing of family members, employees, and neighbors with entry-level education programs in CPR, First Aid, and Stop-the-Bleed among others.

The institute has the goal of strengthening the community by conducting programs throughout the area in conjunction with community partners. By working collaboratively with local organizations, businesses, and emergency response agencies, the institute aims to expand its reach and ensure that lifesaving education is accessible to more people.

A Bright Future for Emergency Medical Education

As Bloomsburg and its surrounding areas continue to grow, the need for skilled emergency responders remains paramount. The Bloomsburg EMS Training Institute is committed to expanding its programs, enhancing training technologies, and forging new partnerships to meet the evolving demands of emergency medicine.

We invite local businesses and organizations to support this vital mission—whether by enrolling in a course, sponsoring a training program, or spreading the word about the institute’s essential work. Together, we can build a stronger, safer, and more prepared community.

For more information about the Bloomsburg EMS Training Institute, course offerings, or partnership opportunities, please visit www.emstrain.org, email education@bloomsburgems.org, or call 570-389-1065.

Let’s work together to empower our community, one lifesaving skill at a time!