

PVCC Paramedic Program Nationally Accredited

The <u>PVCC Paramedic Education Program</u> is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), certified as an Advanced Life Support Training Center by the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (AzDHS/BEMS), and certified as an American Heart Association Training Center for Basic Life Support, Advanced cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Life Support. Accreditation and certification requires constant diligence and attention to milestones and institutional requirements.

National accreditation assesses the quality of the PVCC Paramedic Education Program, measuring it against agreed-upon standards and thereby assuring it meets those standards. Programmatic (or specialized) accreditation conducts an in-depth assessment of specialized or professional programs to ensure that they provide acceptable levels of quality education. Accreditation in Paramedicine serves a very important public interest. Along with certification, accreditation is a tool intended to help assure a well-prepared and qualified workforce to provide emergency health care services.