



The Vidant Medical Center and East Carolina University EMS Fellowship provides a flexible prehospital medical education with plenty of opportunity for customized curriculum.

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The applicant must:

- Be eligible for an unrestricted North Carolina medical license
- Be eligible for an unrestricted North Carolina driver's license
- Be BE/BC in Emergency Medicine



To apply please send a cover letter, 3 letters of recommendation and a current CV to:

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Excellence in EMS

Vidant Medical Center and East Carolina University offers a one-year fully ACGME accredited program that covers the core content of EMS utilizing various activities:

- Monthly didactics and journal clubs
- Dedicated take-home ALS response vehicle
- Multiple mass gathering events
- EMS research opportunities with support staff
 Study site for Probability Airway Control Trial
 - Study site for Prehospital Airway Control Trial "LITES network"
- Simulation training
- Fire-Based, Third Service and Critical Care transport agencies
- AHA Mission Lifeline Gold Plus recognition for the last 5 years





EMS Fellow will be appointed as a Clinical Instructor at East Carolina University

Clinical sites include:

Vidant Medical Center (VMC)

- Primary teaching hospital for ECU Brody School of Medicine with 981 total beds serving an estimated 1.4 million people
- 125,000 ED visits per year
- Level I Adult Trauma, Level II Pediatric Trauma, Comprehensive Stroke, and PCI facility
- 66 ED beds and stand-alone fast track
- 16 bed Children's ED

Vidant Beaufort Hospital

Full service community hospital with 16 ED beds

Outer Banks Hospital

Community hospital in Nags Head, Dare County



Program Highlights & Opportunities

Our EMS professionals offer a wide range of services, from quality management and medical direction initiatives to course work in numerous areas of EMS education.

- Well established EMS fellowship (1980's)
- EMS Medical Direction
- Dedicated physician response vehicle
- Experience in rural, suburban and urban EMS
- Air & Ground Critical Care with Vidant EastCare
 About 7,000 total transports per year
 About 3,500 helicopter transports per year
 7 aircraft located in 5 different bases
 CAMTS accredited
- State Medical Assistance Team involvement Airshow at Seymour Johnson Air Force Airshow at Cherry Point MCAS
- Special Events Medical Care
 ECU Football game medical care
 Local area events
- EMS Medical Advisor for various area community colleges
- Hurricane preparedness and response

