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EMT Training Program Completed

Recently at the Tennessee Career Center in Linden, 11 adult students from Hickman, Lewis, Perry and Wayne counties concluded an intense 15 week EMT training program conducted by Columbia State Community College. This program takes a student from having no medical training to being able to take care of patients in any medical or trauma situation and transport them to the appropriate medical facility. They receive extensive training in airway management, IV therapy, cardiac management and all other aspects of trauma care.

At the end of the course, all 11 passed the state practical exam which tests their abilities with patient assessment and use of the various equipment on an emergency response vehicle. The students next took the National Registry EMT exam, all but one passed and that student is scheduled to retake the exam. "Nationally 63% of students pass the registry on the first attempt, however, Columbia State's EMS program has an average of 93% pass on the first attempt" stated EMT program instructor Christy Hines. She goes on to say that "we are so pleased that several of the students have already been hired."

The program is an example of new training opportunities available to help get the unemployed back into the workforce. Funding was provided by the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance and facilitated by Columbia State Community College.

For more information about training opportunities contact your local Tennessee Career Center or go to www.sctworkforce.org

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