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SCHOOL Biz



**Making a Difference Every Day**

Manatee Technical Institute's (MTI) **Emergency Medical Service (EMS)** Program Director J. M. Flanagan loves his job. Ask him what he does and he'll tell you "I make a difference in someone's life every day." Now that's job satisfaction!

New to MTI East, Flanagan (as he prefers to be called) takes his job seriously. He is an up-front, straightforward, all-expectations-are-clear kind of guy. Flanagan fills his days with raising awareness of the EMS programs, enlightening students, and watching them grow within their chosen vocation. His goal is to develop students into confident and secure professionals, sure of their knowledge and skills, and able to apply them in any situation. As lead advisor for SkillsUSA, a national Career and Technology Student Organization (CTSO), Flanagan's students hone their skills and compete in several events at the regional, state and national levels. CPR, first aid, and leadership skills are just a few of the categories in which students practice and compete. With energy and enthusiasm, Flanagan not only makes a difference in someone's life every day, he's teaching others how to make a difference too!



KIDZ Biz & Buzz



**Reaching Higher Goals**

Angela Turner was a working mother of four and just shy of earning an accounting degree when she made a life-altering discovery. She realized that she wanted to become a nurse, and from that moment on her world completely changed. This summer Angela graduated from Manatee Technical Institute's (MTI) practical nursing (LPN) program. She competed in the SkillsUSA National event where she placed third (in the nation!) in the Health Knowledge Bowl. She also competed in the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) LPN event where she placed second in Regionals, third in States, and fifth at Nationals. Angela returned home with a HOSA scholarship for MTI's **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)** program. Now she is well on her way to her dream job of becoming an air ambulance nurse.

Embracing her sense of curiosity, Angela now looks at things differently. "There is so much out there! Opportunities to meet new people, enjoy new experiences and to learn and grow from others." When asked about MTI, the words came easily. "Everybody here has helped me. They have pushed me and guided me to reach my goals. It's a family environment surrounded with professionalism."

**InnoVators**

**THEY DO MORE THAN DRIVE - THEY'RE SAVING LIVES**

**W**hen you see an ambulance rushing through traffic, its sirens screaming, what's the first thing that comes to your mind? If it's something like, "I wish I could legally drive that fast through a 40 zone," perhaps you should know that ambulance crewmembers need much more qualifications than simply passing a driving test.

Every person in an ambulance has been certified as an emergency medical technician, or EMT. There are different levels of EMTs depending on the amount of training (and depending on the state), but the highest level of EMTs are called paramedics. Most ambulances carry two EMTs, two paramedics, or one of each.

Say you witness an accident and are waiting for the ambulance to arrive, and you notice that one of the victims has a deep gash in her arm, bleeding heavily. What should you do? The best way to stop bleeding is to apply pressure to the wound using some sort of gauze or cloth. Elevate the wound higher than the victim's heart; this will help control the bleeding since gravity facilitates the downward flow of blood. By time the EMTs take over, you will have made their job a little bit easier.

It feels good to help people! If you're interested in a career that saves lives every day, check out the Emergency Medical Services program at Manatee Technical Institute.



DISCOVER the Future

**Career Pathways in Manatee County**

**Regional Careers:** Here are examples of health care and service related occupations and current wages in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupational	Entry	Average	Exper.
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	\$12.35	\$14.29	\$15.25
Fire Fighters	\$10.09	\$18.06	\$21.04
Health Educators	\$11.05	\$19.82	\$24.20
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$15.28	\$31.40	\$39.46
Healthcare Support Occupations	\$9.71	\$12.59	\$14.02
Medical Equipment Preparers	\$10.16	\$11.84	\$12.68
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	\$10.71	\$14.71	\$16.71
Physician Assistants	\$13.27	\$47.05	\$63.95
Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers	\$12.92	\$16.36	\$18.08

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com>  
 FL Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

**Career Pathway:** Students desiring a career in the health care field can find related career programs at:

Manatee High School, Manatee Technical Institute, Manatee Community College, and the University of South Florida.

Explore IT

**CPR: Steps that can Save a Life**

Here are the basic steps of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If you're in a situation where the victim is not breathing, this knowledge can save a life.

1. First, check if the victim is awake.
2. If he is conscious, ask him to speak. His ability to speak will determine if the airway is blocked.
3. If the victim is unconscious, call 911 immediately. Put your ear close to his mouth to check for breathing. Watch his chest for a rising and falling motion.
4. You should begin CPR if there is no sign of breathing. Pinch the victim's nose and seal his mouth with yours, breathing into him enough to make his chest rise. Repeat the rescue breath after letting the chest fall.
5. Place the heel of one hand on top of his chest and cover it with your other hand, fingers entwined. Begin rapid chest compressions at a rate of about 100 per minute. Complete 30 chest compressions before administering another rescue breath.
6. Continue the cycle of chest compressions and rescue breaths until help arrives, occasionally checking for breathing.

Source: [http://firstaid.about.com/od/cpr/ht/06\\_cpr.htm](http://firstaid.about.com/od/cpr/ht/06_cpr.htm)

Becoming certified in CPR is simple. Courses are offered on a regular basis at the Manatee Red Cross. Check <http://www.manateeredcross.com>

WEB Wise

Check out the following websites:

- www.manateetechnicalinstitute.org/east\_camp/emergency.html
- www.manateeredcross.com
- www.trauma.org
- www.discoveryhealth.com
- www.emsresponder.com
- www.skillsusa.org/index.shtml



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