

# Working in the emergency department

*As a Critical Care Technician at Logan Regional Hospital*

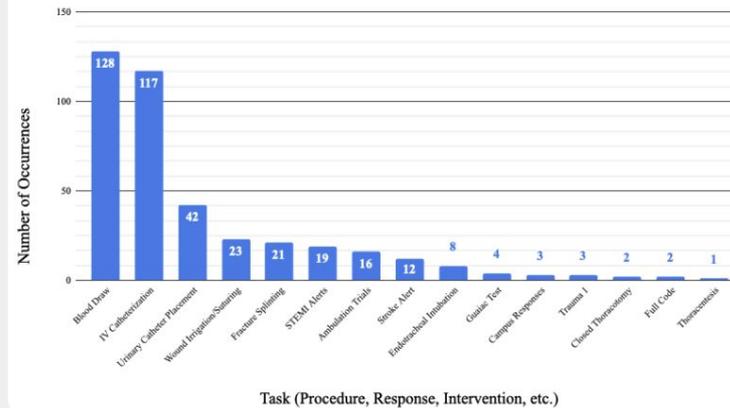
## Working in the ED...

Logan Regional Hospital's Emergency Department (LRH ED) is a fast-paced, 23 room, trauma 3 designated facility that handles over 100 patients on a daily basis. Within the department are multiple levels of care providers, including registered nurses, health unit coordinators, physicians assistants, nurse practitioners, doctors, and, my job, critical care technicians.

I've been working as a critical care technician (CCT) for almost a year at LRH ED. CCTs have four primary responsibilities: hourly rounding on patients, collection of urine samples, stocking rooms, and cleaning beds. However, our job very often breaches these primary tasks and offers an excellent insight as to the more advanced exams, procedures, and interventions offered by our facility. After completing my primary responsibilities, most of my time is spent assisting on or performing these other tasks to help our department run smoothly and efficiently.



CCT Tasks Performed or Assisted On in LRH ED



## Why I do it...

For as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated by medicine and the human body. As I explore different aspects and echelons of medical care we have in the United States, working as a CCT offers a unique perspective as to how critical care medicine is conducted in an in-hospital environment. While it is a more stable environment compared to pre-hospital environment, you never know what's going to come through the door and expecting the unexpected is essential to stay on your feet! No two days are the same, and no two patients are alike.

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