



PARAMEDIC

Degrees: Associate of Applied Science Technical Certificate

Application deadline is March 1 for priority consideration. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space availability basis.

Paramedic education is the highest standard level of training for the emergency medical service system. Paramedics receive extensive training in the use of advanced procedures, medications, and specialized equipment to manage medical emergencies and traumatic injuries in patients of all ages. Through careful patient assessment and team oriented medical care, Paramedics help prevent and reduce death and disability from illness and injury.

This program prepares the graduate to take the NREMT (National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians) examination and become certified as a Registered Paramedic. Extensive related course work, clinical, and field experience is required. Part of this experience will take place in a metropolitan area under specified preceptors. Embedded into this program are four certification courses: PEPP - Pediatric Emergencies for Pre-Hospital Providers, ACLS - American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support, PHTLS - Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, and AMLS - Advanced Medical Life Support.

Students admitted to the program must have and maintain EMT-Basic or EMT-Intermediate certification throughout the program. Admission to the Paramedic program is competitive. Paramedics, like all EMS providers should be emotionally stable, have good dexterity, agility, and physical coordination, and be able to lift and carry heavy loads. Paramedics provide care to emergency patients in the out-of-hospital environment and must be skilled and confident to work in a wide range of settings and conditions.

EMT-Paramedics are employed by fire, police and rescue agencies, hospitals, private ambulance companies and in a variety of business and industries with a high potential for accidental injury or illness. Paramedics are frequently in high-demand, particularly in urban and fast growing communities. Degree educated Paramedics have the best opportunity to advance in their career and contribute to the growth of this exciting and important field. We encourage the earnestly motivated student to apply. This program has a selective admission process which includes a criminal background investigation that is conducted at the expense of the applicant.