



Health Sciences Division

Paramedic Program

How to Apply

**APPLICATIONS TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM
SUMMER SEMESTER 2023
WILL BE ACCEPTED JANUARY 31 - MARCH 28, 2024**

Minimal Admission Requirements

1. Apply and be unconditionally accepted to Calhoun Community College
2. Have transcripts from other colleges attended sent to the CCC Office of Admission and Records at least one month prior to the paramedic application deadline. (See Paramedic FAQ for policies re: transfer of paramedic credit or advanced standing.)
3. Meet the minimal program admission requirements which include:
 - A. completion of BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I with a grade of C or >
 - B. have completed or be eligible to enroll in MTH 100 and ENG 101
 - C. NREMT Advanced Emergency Technician (AEMT) Certification OR ELIGIBILITY
 - D. Alabama licensure as an EMT OR AEMT
 - E. a Calhoun Community College transcript on file by the application date showing all coursework completed at CCC or accepted in transfer by Admissions and Records
 - F. submission of the online 2024 paramedic application
4. Though not required, applicants are encouraged to attend a [Paramedic Program Information Session](#). Led by EMS faculty, sessions provide an overview of the program and review enrollment requirements. Dates and times of sessions are posted on the paramedic website. All interested persons are invited; registration is not required. Application points are earned for attendance.
5. To apply online, you will need the following electronic documents in one of the following formats available to upload: [.pdf, .jpg, or .tif](#)
 - A. Alabama State EMS license
 - B. NREMT Certification
6. Meeting minimal admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance. The number of students selected for admission is limited and therefore the application process is competitive. Applications are evaluated by the Paramedic Admissions Committee and assigned a score according to the posted

points system. Top scoring applicants are offered enrollment.

7. All applicants are notified of their admission status through CCC email date in mid-April. A small number applicants will be designated as 'alternates' in the event an individual forfeits an offered seat in the program. Applications are not 'held over' to the next application cycle.
8. If selected for admission, students are required to complete all requirements for **clinical education experiences** no later than mid-June; the exact date determined by faculty.
 - A. [Purchase the approved uniform](#) and comply with the EMS dress code.
 - B. [Purchase liability insurance](#). A group policy for students is available for this coverage through CCC. The cost is \$12.00 and is attached as a course fee to EMS 242. Payment is due upon enrollment in clinical rotations. Students with financial aid should be aware insurance fees may not be paid by financial aid funds.
 - C. Submit to [drug and alcohol screening and background check](#). CCC Health Sciences Division policy background check and drug and alcohol screening policies are provided upon program enrollment. Results may prohibit a student from participating in clinical education and necessitate withdrawal from the paramedic program or course failure.
 - D. Undergo a [health examination, tuberculosis screening, and validate immunity to specified infectious diseases](#) to demonstrate a satisfactory state of physical and mental health indicating the student should be able to complete the program requirements without presenting undue risk or harm to themselves or others.
 - E. Submit proof of current and successful completion of a [CPR](#) course. Acceptable courses:
 - American Heart Association - "Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider"
 - American Red Cross - "Professional Rescuer"
 - American Safety & Health Institute – "CPR Pro"
 - F. Complete the [OSHA / Blood borne Pathogens](#) class.
 - G. Provide a copy of a [valid driver's license](#), CCC [student identification](#) card, and a current health insurance card. Though insurance is not required, CCC strongly recommends that all EMS students maintain medical / accident insurance while participating in clinical education experiences. Students without proof of health insurance are required to sign a liability waiver.
 - H. Students enrolled in EMS programs are required to successfully complete both academic and clinical requirements. The [EMS Eligibility Criteria](#), posted online, delineate the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills deemed minimally necessary for admission, progression, and graduation, and for the provision of safe and effective client care. The College endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. If a student cannot meet the Eligibility Criteria it is their responsibility to request appropriate reasonable accommodations through the Student Disability Services Office.
 - I. Clinical education is a vital component of EMS education. Students must read, understand and abide by EMS program policies. Students found to be non-compliant including but not limited to unprofessional behavior, are subject to dismissal from the paramedic program.

Curriculum Plan

Paramedic Coursework		
1 st Semester - Summer		Credit Hours
EMS 241	Paramedic Cardiology	3
EMS 242	Paramedic Patient Assessment	2
EMS 257	Paramedic Applied Pharmacology	2
EMS 244	Paramedic Clinical I (45 clinical hours)	1
2 nd Semester - Fall		
EMS 245	Paramedic Medical Emergencies	3
EMS 246	Paramedic Trauma Management	3
EMS 247	Paramedic Special Populations	2
EMS 248	Paramedic Clinical II (135 clinical hours)	3
3 rd Semester - Spring		
EMS 253	Paramedic Transition to the Workforce	2
EMS 254	Advanced Competencies for the Paramedic	2
EMS 255	Paramedic Field Preceptorship (225 clinical hours)	5
EMS 256	Paramedic Team Leadership (45 clinical hours)	1
Total =		29

All EMS courses in the curriculum plan must be completed with a grade of C or higher to progress and graduate from the paramedic program.

Paramedic students may complete the program with either a:

- [long certificate](#) or,
- an [associate of applied science degree](#) (AAS)

The [long certificate](#) requires completion of the following general education courses:

- BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (pre-requisite for program admission)
- ENG 101 English Composition I
- MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra

The [AAS degree](#) requires completion of the following general education courses:

- BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (pre-requisite for program admission)
- BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- ENG 101 English Composition I
- MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra
- PSY 200 General Psychology
- A Speech elective:
 - SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communication, or
 - SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- A Fine Arts / Humanities elective: Music, Art, Theater, Literature, Religion, Philosophy, but not a Foreign Language

Students are [strongly encouraged](#) to complete all or most of the general education classes prior to applying. Completion of foundational classes helps to ensure student success in the rigorous paramedic program.

Paramedic Uniform Policy

Shirts

- Approved CCC EMS program polo shirts are available for purchase in the college bookstore.
- The shirt must be tucked neatly into the trousers / pants. Paramedic students wear red CCC EMS uniform shirts.

Trousers

- Pants must be navy blue or black in color. Denim pants / blue jeans are not allowed.
- Certain EMS trousers with thigh pockets may be allowed with program director permission.
- Pants may not be tucked into boots.
- The uniform must be in good repair at all times, clean, and neatly pressed.
- Pants are worn with a black belt. The belt should be plain and free of writing, decoration, &/or a distracting or large buckle.

Shoes

- Shoes must be black with rubber soles for the hospital areas.
- Solid black tennis shoes are acceptable if clean.
- Uniform boots are permitted.
- Slip on shoes or foam shoes are not safe and therefore not acceptable.
- Socks may be white or black
- Shoes / boots must remain appropriately laced, tied &/or zipped at all times.

Coats

- If a coat is needed for cold weather, it should be dark and a single color, preferably black or navy blue.
- The coat may not display any patches or emblems.
- A CCC EMS jacket is available for purchase in the college bookstore.
- When wearing a coat/jacket, the nametag must be worn on the outside.
- CCC sweatshirts purchased from the Bookstore are allowed; other sweatshirts are not permitted

Jewelry

- The only jewelry to be worn is a wristwatch, plain wedding band, and Medic-alert emblem.
- Earrings, bracelets, necklaces, eyebrow rings, nose rings, and tongue piercings are not allowed.

Scrubs

- In certain clinical areas, students will be required to wear scrubs. When this is the case, the facility will furnish the student with scrubs. At the end of the clinical, scrubs will be returned to the facility.

ID Badge

- An ID Badge is must always be prominently displayed. The CCC issued student ID badge should be attached to the collar of the EMS uniform shirt. Badges cannot be attached to the belt. If a jacket is worn, the badge should be attached to the collar of the jacket.
- Additional badges for specific clinical agencies may be required. Acquiring an additional agency specific badge is the responsibility of the student prior to the first day of clinical. Forms will be available through the clinical coordinator.

Hats

- Hats are not to be worn with the uniform unless the student is outside during inclement weather on an ambulance clinical. The hat should be removed while indoors. The only approved hat is the CCC EMS hat available at the campus bookstore.

Tattoos & Visible body marks

- Tattoos and other body markings (i.e. hickeys, "love bites," etc.) on the arms, hands, neck, head, or face, must be covered while on a clinical rotation. Visible tattoos on the arms require the addition of a long sleeve shirt underneath the appropriate colored polo shirt prior to entering the clinical agency. Tattoos on the back of the neck should be covered with a large bandage.

Hair

- The hair must be neat and clean.
- Long hair must be pulled back and secured in such a manner as to not interfere with patient care. Hair should not fall across the face so as to impede vision. The hair should not hang down over the front of shoulders and long hair which is secured should not hang lower than the middle back. Hair extending past the middle back should be secured so as not to become a safety issue.
- Mohawks, "Fauxhawks," and other hairstyles which would be deemed atypical are not permissible in the classroom or clinical setting.
- Hair color should be in a natural tone (i.e. blond, brown, black, etc.) with or without natural toned highlights. Unnatural hair colors (i.e. blue, green, pink, etc.) are not be permitted in the classroom or clinical setting.

Facial hair

- Beards and mustaches are permitted as long as they are neat and trimmed. Otherwise, male students must be clean-shaven.

Fingernails

- Fingernails must be short, clean, and without nail polish. Artificial / acrylic nails are not permitted due to infection control issues.

Deodorant / Cologne

- Your clothing and breath should smell fresh. The odor of cigarette smoke is offensive.
- Lightly scented deodorant is permitted. Cologne cannot be used as fragrances are offensive to many patients, particularly those with allergies or compromised pulmonary function.

Required Equipment - During clinical rotations, the student must have on their person:

- CCC ID badge
- Stethoscope
- Pen (black ink)
- Trauma
- Complete change of clothing (OSHA requirement)
- Wristwatch appropriate for calculating pulse rates
- Small pocket notepad

Estimated Costs

Paramedic Program			
	Course	Credit Hours	Cost
Semester 1 Tuition	EMS 241 - Cardiology	3	\$497.00
	EMT 242 - Patient Assessment	2	331.00
	EMS 257 - Applied Pharmacology	2	331.00
	EMS 244 - Clinical I (45 hours)	1	166.00
	Malpractice Insurance		12.00
	Total (approximate) =		\$1337.00
Semester 2 Tuition	EMS 245 - Medical Emergencies	3	497.00
	EMS 246 - Trauma Management	3	497.00
	EMS 247 - Special Populations	2	331.00
	EMS 248 - Clinical II (135 hours)	3	497.00
	Total (approximate) =		\$1821.00
Semester 3 Tuition	EMS 253 - Transition to the Workforce	2	\$331.00
	EMS 254 - Advanced Competencies	2	331.00
	EMS 257 - Field Preceptorship (225 hours)	5	828.00
	EMS 256 - Team Leadership (45 hours)	1	166.00
	Total (approximate) =		\$1655.00
Textbooks	Textbook		\$390.00
	EMS Testing Fee		145.99
	AHA ACLS Textbook		58.00
	AHA PALS Textbook		68.50
	ITLS Textbook		86.25
	MedicTests.com (optional licensure prep software)		34.00 +
	Total (approximate) =		\$750.00
	Background Check / Drug & Alcohol Screen (starts at)		\$72.50 +
	2 uniform shirts		60.00
	Platinum Planner		126.50
	Stethoscope, Penlight, Trauma Scissors		50.00

*All costs subject to change without notice.

#Background check cost is dependent on number of places lived past 10-15 years.

^Physical examination costs dependent on where student has exam and need for immunizations.

Paramedic Licensure

Registry / Licensure:

- Students who successfully complete the EMT program are eligible to sit for the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) examination. This exam is required for any person seeking state licensure as an EMT. The examination fee is paid to the NREMT. An orientation to the application process and testing mechanisms are provided as part of the EMT course.

Accreditation:

The paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) 9355 113th Street North, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775 Tel. 727-210-2350 www.caahep.org upon the recommendation of the



Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP 8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312 Rowlett, TX 75088 Tel. 214-703-8445 www.coaemsp.org)



The CCC curriculum plans for EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic adhere to the National EMS Education Standards as developed by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration and meet the approval of the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services.