

Dyersburg State Community College

EMT-Paramedic Technical Certificate EMT -PARAMEDIC Major and Concentration

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - PARAMEDIC

The EMT-Paramedic is the advanced EMS Provider. The paramedic has successfully completed the basic EMT requirements plus the educational requirements for licensure as a paramedic. The paramedic program is a twelve month, three (3) semester, program that includes classroom and laboratory, clinical, and field internship learning opportunities. Paramedics are responsible for all basic EMT skills plus advanced life support (ALS) skills such as medication administration, endotracheal intubation, ECG monitoring and interpretation, defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion, comprehensive patient assessment, and advanced management of medical and trauma emergencies in all age groups. EMT-Paramedics are licensed by the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Prerequisites:

Admission to the Dyersburg State Community College Paramedic program includes the following Tennessee EMS requirements:

Maintain Tennessee EMT license.

Reach successful cut score on EMT knowledge examination.

Receive a successful cut score on a psychological profile given by a licensed psychologist.

Complete an interview by a committee which includes the state EMS representative plus at least 3 members of the community of interest who are from the following list; paramedic, educator, nurse, physician, psychologist, or EMS service director.

In addition, those admitted to the program must have the following prerequisites:

Complete college level Anatomy and Physiology I and II or BIOL 1000 or equivalent with a "C" or better.

Complete DSP 0800 competencies in math, English, and reading if required by placement.

Note: The following criteria are required by clinical affiliates. These requirements may have different time lines than the state EMS rules and regulations.

Before beginning any clinical lab experience, a criminal background check and drug screen is required by clinical facilities for assurance of patient safety. Based on the results of these procedures, an affiliated clinical site may prohibit a student's presence at their facility. This will result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of the course and program. Additionally, applicants should be aware that conviction of certain crimes may make them ineligible for licensure even though they successfully complete the EMT program. Detailed instructions regarding the Background Check will be provided during the first day of class. The student will be responsible for the cost of the physical examination, drug screen, and background check. To obtain more information, please contact the EMT program director prior to registration.

Students must complete the background check and have paid for the drug screen within three (3) working days after class begins or they will be withdrawn from the course.

If accepted, the applicant must submit proof of satisfactory physical and mental condition, current immunizations, and a negative TB skin test or a chest X-ray, as indicated. TB skin tests are required yearly. Although hepatitis immunization is not required, it is highly recommended. Healthcare insurance is highly recommended.

Course		Semester Hours
Fall		
PARA 2100	Paramedic I	17
Spring		
PARA 2115C	Paramedic Clinical I	3
PARA 2200	Paramedic II	14
Summer		
PARA 2221C	Paramedic Clinical II	3
PARA 2300	Paramedic III	4
PARA 2311C	Paramedic Field Internship	3
<u>Total</u>		<u>44</u>

Cost Estimate

Tuition for Students at \$111 per credit hour for 44 credit hours	\$5192
Textbooks	\$450
State EMS examination and application	\$175
National Registry fee	\$110
Malpractice insurance	\$63
Uniform (2 per student)	\$150
Background checks	\$100
Drug Screen	\$25
External Validity exams	\$30
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$6295</u>

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