

Paramedic Program Information

Portland Community College

Emergency Medical Services Department



**Paramedic applications are only accepted
from June through September prior to the upcoming cohort.**

Emergency Medical Services Department Mission Statement

To train and educate Emergency Medical Services
professionals to excel in meeting the needs of the community.

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The *Portland Community College Paramedic Program* is accredited by the Commission on
Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

(www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on
Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical
Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

1361 Park Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
727-210-2350
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The Portland Community College (PCC) Paramedic Program is designed as the last step in the formal education for entry level Paramedics. Successful completion of the Paramedic Program year will lead to the AAS degree in Paramedicine.

Functional Job Analysis

Paramedic Characteristics

A paramedic must be a confident leader who will accept the challenge and high degree of responsibility entailed in the position. Excellent judgment along with the ability to prioritize decisions quickly, be self-disciplined, able to develop patient rapport, interview hostile patients, and communicate with diverse multi-cultural groups and ages is required. Must be able to function independently at optimum level under stress, remain calm, and assume leadership roles with confidence. A desire to work with people and the ability to meet the physical, intellectual and cognitive requirements demanded by the position are critical.

Physical Demands

A paramedic's job involves very heavy lifting (50 – 180 pounds or more) frequently and involves climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, handling, fingering, feeling, talking, hearing and seeing on a frequent basis in less than optimal conditions.

Intellectual Demands

High school graduate/equivalent. Learning ability and intelligence slightly above average is required for a paramedic to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to do the job.

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The PCC Paramedic Program is limited to 24 students; alternates may be selected. The selection process is competitive; therefore, all materials submitted must be complete and accurate. Entry consideration will be given to those with EMS field experience. This includes military, agency affiliated search & rescue, ski patrol, volunteer or paid EMS and/or Fire work experience, in a hospital or community clinical environment.

EMS students must pass both a criminal background check and drug screen before participating in mandatory clinical experiences. Criteria for passing these are determined by the clinical site(s). The associated costs of all background checks, drug screens and reviews are the responsibility of each student. Failure to pass **any** of the required criteria will constitute unsuccessful completion of the EMS course(s). Failure of the course(s) or criminal background check(s) or drug screen(s) will not be grounds for tuition or fee refund. If you feel you need to get more information prior to being accepted into the program regarding your background contact Mark Hornshuh, at 971-722-5570

PCC does not provide medical liability coverage. If you are injured and incur medical expenses, *you are responsible* for those expenses.

First day of class attendance is mandatory, without exception. Check a current PCC schedule for class times and days each term. Any Student not present during the first class meeting, on time, will be dropped from the program.

For financial aid information at PCC, visit our website: <http://www.pcc.edu/resources/tuition-fees/payment-info/financial-arrange.html>.

The Paramedic Program Applications will be available through the www.pcc.edu/emt website in June for the following cohort, which begins every Winter Term (Jan). Application questions may be directed to Mark Hornshuh at 971-722-5570 or mhornshu@pcc.edu

The following pages provides information on all the requirements, and prerequisites to be accepted into the Paramedic Program.

Paramedic Program Application Process

Admission to the PCC Paramedic Program is through our application/interview process. The Paramedic program is limited to 24 students and alternates. The 4-term program begins with Winter Term (January) and ends with Fall Term (December). Applications can be submitted beginning in July (and continuing into September). Please contact the EMS Department for a Paramedic Program advising email which will have the exact dates.

Oral interviews will be offered to selected qualified applicants. The interviews are anticipated to be scheduled in the month of October. You will be notified of a potential interview, including time, date and location of the interview.

Prior to beginning the PCC Paramedic Program (EMS 200-level coursework), the prerequisite coursework **or** their equivalents must be completed with a 'C' grade or higher (see [catalog \[pdf\]](#) for the complete listing). **Please note:** most of the prerequisite coursework will need to be completed by the end of Summer Term prior to the beginning of the new Paramedic Program year. Contact [academic advising](#) for questions regarding course equivalencies. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the EMS Department.

The application documents will be available on-line by mid-June at:

<https://www.pcc.edu/programs/emergency-medical/apply.html>

A complete Paramedic Program application packet will typically include:

- Completed Paramedic Program Application form
- Current Oregon EMT or higher certification (out of state students should allow 12 weeks for reciprocity to Oregon)
- Current American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider level card
- Official college transcripts submitted in sealed envelope with the school's official stamp or seal (unofficial copies for reference please - if official already provided to PCC)
 - PCC transcripts may be unofficial
- Evidence of High School completion or College degree
- Completed Paramedic Program Prerequisite Course Inventory form (included in the application packet)
- A "personal statement." This statement need be no longer than one page.
 - This statement gives you an opportunity to indicate your unique qualities and/or professional goals in becoming a Paramedic.

The selection process is competitive; therefore, all materials submitted must be complete and accurate. All of the above documents must be submitted as one complete package by the application deadline date to:

Mailing:

Portland Community College
EMS Department – CA PSEB 133
PO Box 19000
Portland, OR 97280-0990

In-person delivery:

PCC EMS Administrative Office
Cascade Campus – PSEB 133
909 N Killingsworth
Portland OR 97217

ALL PROGRAM/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Academic Prerequisites

All academic Prerequisites must be completed before applying for the Paramedic Program.

Course	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 100	Intro to Emergency Medical Services or (FP101)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 105	Emergency Medical Technician – Part I (Prereqs.RE90, WR115, MTH20)	5
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 106	Emergency Medical Technician – Part II (prereq. EMS 105)	5
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 113	Emergency Response Comm./Documentation (prereq.EMS 106, WR121)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 114	Emergency Response Patient Transport (prereq. EMS 105/WR121)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 115	Crisis Intervention (Prereqs. EMS 106. WR 121)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 116	EMS Rescue (or FP201) (prereq. WR121, EMS 106)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MP111	Medical Terminology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BI 231	Human Anatomy & Physiology I (prereq. BI 112)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BI 232	Human Anatomy & Physiology II (prereq. BI231)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BI 233	Human Anatomy & Physiology III (prereq. BI232)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> HE 295	Health and Fitness for Life Lecture	2
<input type="checkbox"/> PE 295	Health and Fitness for Life Lab	1
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 111	Public Speaking (COMM 111 or higher)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 101	Psychology and Human Relations (PSY 101 or higher)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MTH 65	Introductory Algebra – 2 nd term (MTH 65 or higher)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> WR 121	English Composition (WR 121 or higher)	4

One additional General Education Course from Arts & Letters, Social Science or Math/Science is needed, if using PSY101, COMM111, and BI 112 to fulfil the General Education requirements.

For prerequisite help, contact Academic Advisor, Michelle Butler at 971-722-5284 or mlbutler@pcc.edu

For all EMS Admissions contact Mark Hornshuh at 971-722-5570 or ems@pcc.edu