

Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic Overview

Career Studies Certificate

PURPOSE: This program provides a bridge from the intermediate level to the entry-level paramedic certification and offers registered nurses with experience in critical care an opportunity to meet the requirements to become a paramedic.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: To prepare competent entry-level paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the advanced emergency medical technician and/or emergency medical technician, and/or emergency medical responder levels.

J. Sargeant Reynolds 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 Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: General college curricular admission

PROGRAM NOTES: Applicants must have completed the Emergency Medical Services - Intermediate Career Studies Certificate or hold a current Virginia or NREMT - Intermediate certification and hold a current CPR card. Students desiring to further their emergency medical training and capabilities should consider the EMS - Paramedic Associate of Applied Science degree after completing this career studies certificate.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS: In addition to the regular college tuition and fees, the EMS program requires the items listed below. Costs listed are subject to change.

Textbooks, Workbook, and Certification Fees (CPR, ACLS, PHTLS, EPC, and AMLS)	\$830.00
Background Check and Drug Testing	\$81.00
FISDAP Scheduler and Final Exams	\$115.00
Uniforms (boots, belt, pants, two Reynolds EMS program shirts)	\$178.00
Testing Fees:	
ODEMSA	\$250.00
National Registry Paramedic Cognitive Examination	\$110.00
Medical Check Up	varies according to student's doctor fees

To determine current tuition and fees, visit www.reynolds.edu/pay_for_college/tuition.aspx, or call the School of Nursing and Allied Health office at (804)523-5375. The instructor will inform students of the textbooks and other required learning materials needed in the syllabus for each course.

CONTINUATION IN THE PROGRAM: Students must achieve a course grade of at least "B" (80) in each EMS course with the exception of EMS 205, which requires a minimum grade of at least "C" (70).

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: The functional skills listed below apply to students entering the EMS - Emergency Medical Technician CSC, EMS - Intermediate CSC, EMS - Paramedic CSC, and EMS - Paramedic AAS degree. Students entering these programs must have the ability to

- Verbally communicate in person, via telephone and telecommunications using the English language;
- Hear spoken information from co-workers, patients, physicians, and dispatchers and in sounds common to the emergency scene;
- Lift, carry, and balance a minimum of 125 pounds equally distributed (250 pounds with assistance), a height of 33 inches, and a distance of 10 feet;
- Read and comprehend written materials under stressful conditions;
- Use a prescribed format to document patient information in writing or by entry into a computer program;
- Demonstrate manual dexterity and fine motor skills, with ability to perform all tasks related to quality patient care in a safe manner;
- Bend, stoop, crawl, and walk on even surfaces; and
- Meet minimum vision requirements to operate a motor vehicle within the state.

RN TO PARAMEDIC BRIDGE PROGRAM: Registered nurses with two years' experience in a critical care setting (ICU, CCU, ER) may contact the EMS program head at 804-523-5768 to obtain information regarding completion of the EMS - Paramedic CSC to become a paramedic.

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION: Please see http://www.reynolds.edu/curriculum/gainful-employment-html/ge_info_221-146-05.html to access gainful employment disclosure information for this program.

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Roadmap

COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
EMS 205	Advanced Pathophysiology	4	0	4
EMS 207	Advanced Patient Assessment	2	2	3
EMS 242	ALS Clinical Internship III	0	3	1
EMS 243	ALS Field Internship III	0	3	1
EMS 201	EMS Professional Development	3	0	3
EMS 209	Advanced Pharmacology	3	2	4
EMS 211	Operations	1	2	2
EMS 244	ALS Clinical Internship IV	0	3	1
EMS 245	ALS Field Internship IV	0	3	1
TOTAL		13	18	20
Total Minimum Credits for Career Studies Certificate in Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic				20

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