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Paramedic Information Packet



Chemeketa Community College
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Paramedic Program

Program Offerings

EMT Course

EMT courses are offered here at Chemeketa Community College. The EMT course is considered an open-entry program and requires successful completion of the consecutive two-term format (or the accelerated one-term format). Successful completion qualifies the student to take the State of Oregon and/or National Registry examination(s) for licensure as an EMT. See "Course Information to EMT Career" for detail.

Paramedic Degree

Students take general education courses as well as technical courses devoted to Emergency Medical Technology. The paramedic course is a limited enrollment program for courses EMT296, 297, 298, 280H. A Paramedic program sequence starts in both Spring and Fall terms. Students must apply for admission. Clinical rotations in hospitals and with ambulance services provide hands-on EMS experience. Students earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Technology. Successful completion qualifies the student to take the State of Oregon and/or National Registry examinations for licensure as a Paramedic.

Paramedic / Firefighter Dual Degree

Students may receive two degrees in as little as nine terms combining general educational requirements with technical courses in Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Technology. Terms 7, 8, and 9 are devoted to Emergency Medical Technology courses at the Paramedic level. Paramedic/Firefighter students apply first to the Fire Science program for admission. Upon completion of the Fire Science Program, the student may be eligible to apply for the Paramedic program. Please contact Bill Klein at 503-399-6240 or bill.klein@chemeketa.edu for more information

It is also possible for a student to apply for admission to the Firefighter program after successful completion of the three-term Paramedic course, and ultimately earn a dual degree in Fire Science.

Associate Degree Upgrade for Licensed Paramedic

This program is designed for the person who is currently a Licensed Oregon Paramedic and is seeking to further their professional career through attainment of the AAS degree. Current Paramedic certification may be transcribed as college credits to be applied towards the degree requirements.

A person seeking to apply for an Associate Degree upgrade needs to have a transcript evaluation of their previous college credits completed by the Chemeketa Admission's office. This can be accomplished by providing an official college transcript to the Admissions office and completing a form requesting a transcript evaluation. Please contact Gregg Lander, Program Chair, EMT and Paramedic programs at 503-399-2664 or greggl@chemeketa.edu for more information

Distance Education Classes

Chemeketa Community College offers numerous classes through distance education. These include many general education and some technical courses. Refer questions to Emergency Services at 503.399.5163.

Several of the EMT program and general education courses are taught online or as hybrid formats. Please refer to the college schedule for details.

Continuing Education and Recertification Classes

Courses are available on campus, usually on the weekend for continuing education and ongoing recertification. These include courses such as CPR, Standard First Aid, ACLS, PHTLS, PEDS, and EMT Refresher. Refer questions to 503.584.7341 for more specific information, or to get on the mailing list for future class offerings.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our community by providing emergency services training and education to our program participants, business and industry, and service providers. A safer community will result from their excellence in delivering quality emergency services.

Accreditation

Chemeketa Community College offers the Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Services degree and is accredited in Oregon through the CCWD (Community College Workforce Development) and Department of Education and nationally through the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP).

Paramedic Program Questions

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EMT Program Tentative Admission Dates (rev.)	Fall 2012	Spring 2013
Application Available	Jan. 9, 2012	August 6, 2012
PM Applicant Info Session, Brooks RTC, Building 2, Room 200, 6:30-8:30pm	Feb. 7, 2012	August 15, 2012
Application Acceptance Closed	April 10, 2012	October 11, 2012
Confirmation Letters Sent	April 25, 2012	October 17, 2012
Oral Interviews	May 11, 2012	November 9, 2012
Acceptance Letters Sent	June 1, 2012	November 21, 2012
\$150 fee/acceptance due	Aug. 10, 2012	January 10, 2013
Mandatory Orientation (9 am – 3 pm) All medical & immunization records due Enrollment (Registration)	Aug. 27, 2012	February 18, 2013
Class Begins	Sept. 24, 2012	April 1, 2013
Graduation	July 11, 2013	January 16, 2014

Paramedic Prerequisites

The prerequisites for the Paramedic Associate Degree Program are listed below. These classes are available as regular college offerings and will be scheduled by the student at their convenience. **If a paramedic applicant has not attended college at Chemeketa, please refer to the Chemeketa Community College Catalog regarding requirements for college placement exams to be completed as a person enters the college.** These assessments are done through the Chemeketa counseling/testing center.

Refer to the following page for the details in obtaining a Chemeketa Community College Transcript Evaluation for validation of completion of the prerequisite courses.

The following or equivalent courses must be completed with a minimum of a “C” grade before beginning EMT296. These are considered the “core” courses.

BI231, 232, 233	Human Anatomy & Physiology (Chemeketa and some of the other colleges require a Chemistry as prerequisite for BI231)
HM120	Medical Terminology
EMT151, 152B	EMT Basic, Part 1 & 2
ES172	Intro. to Emergency Services
or	or
EMT175	Intro. to Emergency Medical Services
FRP256	Fire Service Rescue Practices
or	or
EMT169	EMT Rescue
EMT176 & EMT177	Emergency Response Patient Transportation & Emergency Response Communication/Documentation
or	or
FRP153	Fire Incident Related Exp.
ES115	Crisis Intervention

The following or equivalent general education courses must also be completed and transcribed with a minimum of a “C” grade.

WR121	English Composition (or higher) (4 credits)
MTH070	Elementary Algebra (or higher) (4 credits) (Chemeketa and some of the other colleges require MTH095 as Chemistry prerequisite)
PSY101	Psychology or Human Relations (or higher) (4 credits) or Human Relations course
SP111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (or higher) (4 credits)

Additional points will be awarded in the admission process for those who have completed the following general education courses with a minimum of a “C” grade before the application process. A course is considered completed once a grade has been transcribed and/or accepted for transfer.

CIS101	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications (3- 4 credits)
HPE295	Health and Fitness of Life (3- 4 credits)
Social Science or Humanities Elective (4 credits)	

Paramedic Application Process

Chemeketa Transcript Evaluation

Proof of completion of the EMT Paramedic prerequisites:

1. If you have **completed all** of your course work through Chemeketa Community College, the transcript evaluation can be done with an unofficial copy of your transcript. An unofficial copy can be obtained at no charge from the Chemeketa Counseling Services Dept. in Bldg. 2 or by accessing My Chemeketa with your college “K” number.
2. If you have **completed part or all** course work through any other college or university, you will need to have an **official transcript** sent to the Chemeketa Admissions from each school.
 - a. Fill out and sign a **Request for Evaluation and Transfer of Previous Credit** form to be sent or taken to the Chemeketa Admissions Office. You can access this form at http://www.chemeketa.edu/forms/documents/admission_evaluationrequest.pdf Please note that the form must be printed, then completed and submitted; you can't complete this form online.
 - b. Have the official transcript mailed to **Chemeketa Community College, Admissions, PO Box 14007, Salem Oregon 97309-7070**. To guarantee timely evaluation of your transcript, **please allow up to 12 weeks for the process to be complete**. Include a **copy** of the **transcript evaluation** with your application packet if evaluation is completed. Also include **unofficial copies of transcripts from all schools** with your application packet in order to receive credit in our application process for graded classes above a “C”.

Who is Eligible to Apply

The Paramedic Program is a limited entry enrollment with an average of 50 students admitted each year. The program accepts students either in the fall or spring term. Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a position in the program.

1. Applicant must be eligible to be certified as an **Oregon EMT** and have a current **CPR Provider** certification. OAR 333-265-0040 (9) AND must be certified as an Oregon EMT and COR provider before the starting date of the paramedic program.
2. Applicant must have proof of completion of the prerequisite courses **or** a reasonable plan of completion before the starting date of the program.

Admission Prioritization

The following will be considered when selecting and prioritizing applicants for the program.

1. Completion of applicant packet in correct format
2. Introductory letter
3. Accumulated points for core courses
4. Oral interview
5. Written essay - the applicant will be given a set time to write a response to a question
6. Accumulated points for second year general education requirements
7. Work history
8. FireTeam test

How to Apply for the Paramedic Program

A timely application is important; all of the following requirements must be presented **as one complete packet** to the Emergency Services Office in Building 14, no later than **4:30 pm on April 10, 2010** for the **Fall 2010** entry class.

- Step 1 Talk to other paramedic graduates or current students to gain an appreciation of the time commitments, workloads, and personal life impact. Assess impacts on other fronts, i.e. work, additional schooling, significant other, and family.
- Step 2 Examine your financial picture, seek out financial aid assistance as necessary. Chemeketa Financial Aid office is in Bldg 2, 503.399.5018. Also ask about grants and scholarships at this location.
- Step 3 Obtain a Paramedic Admission packet from the Brooks Regional Training Center, Building 2, main lobby (503-399-5163). You can also contact Peggy Andrews at 503-399-2663 or peggy.andrews@chemeketa.edu.
- Step 4 Have previous college credits evaluated by the Chemeketa Admission's Office prior to application. This process is outlined on the previous page and may take up to 12 weeks to complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit transcripts in a timely manner to allow time for the evaluation process prior to the application deadline. **If this evaluation has not been completed, please include unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended to validate completion of prerequisites with at least a "C"**. If you have not completed the prerequisites, please indicate how you plan to complete them. If selected for the program, **acceptance will be provisional** pending proof of successful completion of those course(s).
Note: You must highlight pre-requisite courses on your unofficial transcripts.
- Step 5 Provide **proof of Oregon Certification** as an EMT or EMT Intermediate or written statement of how you will obtain it before beginning paramedic courses.
- Step 6 Provide a copy of high school diploma or equivalent.
- Step 7 Obtain three personal references (other than Chemeketa EMT/Fire staff) attesting to your ability to complete this program.
- Step 8 Complete the application packet **including all required attachments**. Attention to detail is extremely important in the selection process.
- Step 9 Submit your application. The application must be accompanied with a **\$40 non-refundable check or money order** made out to Chemeketa Community College. The submitted application must be in hard copy to provide original signatures. Electronically submitted packets **will not** be processed.
- Step 10 You will be notified by mail confirming receipt of your completed application and given directions about time and place for oral interviews.
- Step 11 Participate in the oral interview, complete a written essay and complete the FireTeam assessment. The 10-12 question interview will be similar to an employment interview. The essay will be evaluated for completion, clarity, composition, grammar, and spelling as well as punctuation and legibility.

Note: If you've completed the FireTeam assessment within the last 12 months, you are not required to take the test again. You will need to access the National Testing Network website and complete the waiver form so that we can review your testing results. There is an additional \$8 fee for this.

Step 12 Letters of acceptance will be sent to those students receiving the most accumulated points for the total application process. An alternate list will also be established.

To be completed by those accepted and those designated as alternates:

Step 13 You will be required to make a payment of \$150 six weeks before the term begins. This nonrefundable lab fee will be applied to your tuition lab fee the first term (refunded for alternate student status). Mail or deliver this check to Chemeketa Emergency Services, attn: Debbie Bates at PO Box 14007, Salem, OR 97309.

Step 14 Schedule a **medical examination** to validate your medical fitness to function as a Paramedic. If you are under 30 years, you will need a physical taken within the last three years, but within one year if 30 or older. A **copy** of these results will be required in a packet due at the **mandatory orientation**. A copy of the Technical Standards will be in the information packet sent one month before orientation. The Technical Standards document describes the physical, intellectual, and cognitive demands on an EMT student during the program and in preparation of the profession.

Step 15 Obtain verification of the required screenings and immunizations. This requirement listing will be mailed to you prior to starting the Paramedic program. Email rhonda.wood@chemeketa.edu with questions. A copy of those records will be due at the mandatory orientation.

Step 16 Attend the **mandatory orientation** for EMT-Paramedic Program. If a person doesn't show up for orientation, their class seat will be given to an alternate. The student will **hand in** the verification of their physical exam, screenings, immunizations, copies of driver's license, and updated CPR and Basic Certification, and prerequisite course(s) completion. In the first week of classes, the program will initiate a **criminal history clearance** process which is required by everyone defined as a "care giver" by OAR 411-009-0015, 411-009-000014. This clearance is required by law and is authorized by ORS 181.537.

Step 17 Register for classes when officially accepted into the program.

Note: If an instructor finds that you have gained entrance into a paramedic course without completing all the admission requirements and meeting all prerequisites, he/she may ask you to withdraw from the class. If you do not appear for the course offering for which you have been admitted, you will have to reapply for a later offering.

If you leave a paramedic level of training in the middle of a sequence of courses, you must reapply for admission and register for, and satisfactorily complete all paramedic courses (EMT296, 297, 298, and EMT2h0H)

Major portions of the program include hospital and pre-hospital clinical sites. Students may have to travel as far as **400 miles** per week attending these clinicals. This would be in addition to the usual Salem campus class days.