Paramedic Program

The paramedic program enrolls a new class of students every summer into the 3-semester curriculum plan. Two educational options are available to students who are already a licensed EMT:

**Paramedic - Long Certificate**

- General education classes which need to be completed with a grade of “D” or higher to earn the Paramedic Long Certificate include:
  - BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I*  
  - MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra OR MTH 112 Pre-calculus Algebra  
  - ENG 101 English Composition I  
  - SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communications OR SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- *BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I is a PRE-REQUISITE. This course must be completed prior to enrollment in paramedic classes.
- ALL general education classes must be completed to earn the certificate. General education classes may be taken during the first 2 semesters of the program, however, it is strongly advised that general education is completed PRIOR TO beginning paramedic classes as the student is more likely to be successful.

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| 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 |

| **Paramedic 3rd 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 |
Paramedic - Associate of Applied Science Degree

- General education requirements for the AAS degree include:
  - BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I*
  - BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
  - MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra OR MTH 112 Pre-calculus Algebra
  - ENG 101 English Composition I
  - SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communications OR SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
  - PSY 200 General Psychology
  - Humanities elective or ENG 102 English Composition II

- *BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I is a PRE-REQUISITE. This course must be completed prior to enrollment in paramedic classes.

- ALL general education classes must be completed with a grade of “D” or higher to graduate. General education classes may be taken during the first 2 semesters of the program, however, it is strongly advised that general education is completed PRIOR TO beginning paramedic classes as the student is more likely to be successful.

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Applying to the Paramedic Program

What is the minimum GPA I must have to be admitted to the paramedic program?
Paramedic applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or greater. Applicants are also awarded points based on the grades obtained in the required general education courses for a certificate or degree in paramedic which have been successfully completed.

How are students selected?
Each application is evaluated using the following point system:

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Information Sessions?
At least three information sessions are held each year to provide individuals interested in the program the opportunity to learn more details and ask questions. Dates and times of upcoming sessions are posted on the main EMS Program web page. Applicants who attend an information session receive application points. Attendance at only ONE session is needed. You do not need to pre-register to attend an information session.

If you are unable to attend an information session because of distance or other hardship, please contact the program director regarding the application points.

EMS Transfer Credit Policy
Transfer credit for the paramedic program will be accepted with prior program director approval under the following conditions:
- The student must meet all admission requirements of Calhoun Community College.
- Previous college credit must be accepted by the CCC Office of Admissions and Records.
- Once accepted by the CCC Office of Admissions and Records, transfer credit for EMS courses will not be accepted by the program without a letter of good standing from the EMS director of the transferring institution. This requirement is to ensure the student left without ethical, legal or professional concerns.
- Transferred paramedic level credit must have been completed within the past 12 months.
- A contract for enrollment will be developed by the program director and signed by the student which will include:
  a. the requirement to achieve a passing grade on practical (laboratory) skills final exams of the equivalent EMS courses accepted in transfer to insure competency
  b. the dates of the required skill exams, scheduled at faculty, not student, convenience
If EMS transfer credit is accepted, a student must meet all degree requirements as stated in the **CCC Catalog** including residency obligations.

Students with transferred EMS coursework must meet all minimal competencies of the program prior to graduation and will be required to pass instructor validation in all ALS skills prior to start of class.

### Advanced Placement / Experiential Learning Credit Policy

- No advanced placement credit or experiential learning credit can be applied to any part of a student’s EMS education including paramedic training.

### What do I need to do to apply?

If not a current CCC student in good standing, **at least one month before you apply to the Paramedic Program** you must submit a Calhoun Community College **Application for Admission** and request that transcripts from all previously attended institutions be forwarded to CCC. Your application will not be considered unless this has been completed in a timely manner.

**Applicants must:**
- Have completed BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- Complete the online application
- Submit:
  - A copy of their CCC Student ID*
  - A copy of an Alabama EMT/AEMT license*
  - A copy of NREMT certification*
  - A copy of a valid BLS CPR card*
  - *format must be .pdf, .jpeg, or .tif

**When can I apply?**

You can apply online beginning **February 1 - April 1**. The application link closes at 11:59 PM April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### All applicants please read:

- The online paramedic program application is started and completed in one sitting. You are not able to save your progress. Prior to starting the online application, have all required electronic documents listed above ready to upload.
- Each time an individual applies to the Paramedic Program an application packet must be completed in its entirety; copies of items submitted should be retained as information will not be released from previous application packets.

### Paramedic Program Application Link

(Open Feb 1 - April 1)

If you have questions about the paramedic program &/or application process that are not answered in the Frequently Asked Questions, please call Misty Greene at 256-306-2786 with questions.
How and when will I know if I have been accepted?

All communication will be through CCC Student Email (calhoun.edu)

Applicants will receive a confirmation email that the application is received when he/she applies to the program.

Each application is evaluated including the verification of transcripts, certifications, and licensure. Final decisions are made in April and all applicants will receive notification via their Calhoun email address in late April.
Clinical education is a vital component of EMS education as it provides students the opportunity to perform skills under the direct supervision and evaluation of a clinical instructor/preceptor. Students must read and understand EMS program policies. Students found to be non-compliant with clinical policies and procedures, including but not limited to unprofessional behavior, are subject to dismissal from the EMS program in accordance with CCC due process procedures.

Admission to Clinical Experiences

After enrollment in the paramedic program and prior to clinical experiences, the student must:

A. Purchase the approved uniform and comply with the program dress code.

B. Purchase liability insurance. A group policy for students is available for this coverage through the CCC health division. The malpractice insurance is attached as a course fee to EMS 240. Payment is due prior to enrollment in clinical rotations. Students with financial aid should be aware insurance fees may not be paid by financial aid funds.

C. Submit to a drug screen and background search per the CCC Health Division policy. Both the drug screen and background search must return and be clear as stated in the policies. See FAQ for more information.

D. Submit a current and completed physical examination form evidencing a satisfactory state of physical and mental health such that the student is able to complete all program requirements without presenting undue risk / harm to the student or other persons.

E. Submit either a signed hepatitis B vaccine waiver or proof of a completed vaccination series or proof of immunity to Hepatitis B.

F. Submit proof of vaccination for the influenza season during clinical assignment(s) or a signed declination with accompanying documentation with the reason for vaccine refusal.

G. 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”

H. Complete the OSHA / Bloodbourne Pathogens class.

I. 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 health students maintain medical / accident insurance while participating in clinical education experiences. EMS students without proof of health insurance are required to sign a liability waiver.
**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)
- EMT scissors
- Complete change of clothing (OSHA requirement)
- Wristwatch appropriate for calculating pulse rates
- Small pocket notepad

Paramedic Program

Cost Estimates

Approximate paramedic program costs:

- Tuition & Fees (incl. all general education courses needed for AAS degree) = $8800
- Textbooks & Testing = $705
- Uniforms & Equipment = $130
  - Clinical Requirements (Background Check, Drug Screen, Physical) = varies $250-500