



PARAMEDIC PROGRAM APPLICANT INFORMATION GUIDE

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In January 2018 Eastern Arizona College was informed by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) that the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has **awarded our Paramedic program full initial accreditation** to operate ALS training programs. This initial accreditation is good through January 31, 2023.

What does this mean for you? You can be assured that our program will meet the highest standards of outcomes and requirements. Once you have successfully completed this program you will be eligible to sit for the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) paramedic certification exam. This exam will lead to both national and state certification as a paramedic.

Should you have any questions about this accreditation or the standards, please contact:

CoAEMSP
8301 Lakeview Parkway Suite 111 – 312
Rowlett, TX 75088
214-703-8445
FAX 214-703-8992
www.coaemsp.org



EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Phone: 928-428-8502

Website: http://www.eac.edu/Academics/Programs_of_Study/Paramedicine/

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Eastern Arizona College offers a paramedic education program for qualified candidates each fall semester. The next available cohort will begin on **August 10, 2020** (*please note this is one week earlier than regular classes for the semester*). This program is an 11 month program designed for applicants interested in obtaining a NREMT-P certification and AAS degree in Paramedicine. The goal of the Eastern Arizona College Paramedic Program is 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. Our instructional team provides advanced education and experience in pre hospital care that will prepare qualified persons for beginning paramedic positions in both the state of Arizona as well as on a national level.

Entry into the paramedic program requires formal admission before the candidate can register for courses. For more detailed procedures regarding admission, please contact the EMS Department at 928-428-8502.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We appreciate your interest in the Paramedic Program and hope the following information will help you determine whether you are currently qualified for admission to the program. If you feel you are qualified, an application is included in this packet. Complete the application and bring it with supporting documentation to NC8. This packet is also available for download from our web page or you can obtain it via email from Tricia Claridge at tricia.claridge@eac.edu. Qualified applicants are admitted based on a selection process that includes an oral interview as well as demonstration of basic EMT competencies through formal written and skills testing and EMT experience.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATION

Completed applications (with required documentation of all application requirements) must be submitted to the Eastern Arizona College EMS Office, located at North Campus 8 by 5:00 PM, **April 1st** for August admission. Applicants are responsible for verifying completeness of their files by the date required by contacting the EMS Department at 928-428-8502.

*Note: Late applications may be accepted prior to the **mandatory** pre-class meeting. Applicants will be placed in the class in the order that applications are received. Class size is limited to 24 students. Any applicants after number 24 will be placed on an alternate list, and their status will be determined on the date of the pre-class meeting, which the alternate is also required to attend. Late applicants will still be required to interview and test prior to the official start of the program on a designated "make up" exam/interview day. Acceptance into the program will be based on the scoring process.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following qualifications at time of application:

1. Completed Paramedic Program Application for Admission
2. Proof of applicants age (All applicants must be 18 years of age or over)
3. High school graduate or GED.
4. Current AZ EMT certification and/or NREMT certification.
5. Current AHA BLS Healthcare Provider card (must remain current throughout the entire paramedic training course)
6. Proof of completion of BIO 160, Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology OR BIO 201 and BIO 202, Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II with a grade of "C" or higher.
7. Proof of completion of HCE 116, Medical Dosage Calculations with a grade of "C" or better.
8. Please note, HCE 112 is not required for the program but is still a requirement for AAS Paramedicine.
9. Proof of completion of ENG 113, College Reading, or proof of at least a 12th grade reading level on College approved assessment test. **Your EAC reading assessment test score is available on Gila Hank online or from your advisor.*
10. Proof of completion of MAT 100, Applied Mathematics, with a grade of "C" or higher or mathematics skills at the MAT 100 level or above on college approved math assessment test. **Your EAC mathematics assessment test score is available on Gila Hank online or from your advisor.*
11. Proof of completion of EMT 200, Paramedic Prep, or proof of an approved paramedic preparation course. **See Program Director for approved courses.*
12. Arizona DPS fingerprint clearance card.
**Receipt of payment to DPS will be accepted with your application, until a copy of the fingerprint card can be submitted to the program director. Application for the fingerprint clearance card is found online at: <http://www.azdps.gov/services/fingerprint>*
13. Proof of all immunizations included on the Student Health Requirements Checklist (See Attachment)
14. Current health insurance coverage that must remain current throughout the course of training and certification process.
15. Two (2) letters of recommendation are required prior to your scheduled oral interview. Letters should be on company or agency letterhead. One must come from a higher-level medical provider (paramedics, RN or MD's) or supervisor. The letters must be signed and dated originals. Please have your letters sent **by the author** to:

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Attention: EMS Department
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Thatcher, AZ 85552

Or emailed to: tricia.claridge@eac.edu

16. Official transcripts must be on file in the Paramedic program office. Official transcripts must be sent to the paramedic program office. They cannot be "issued to student" or hand carried with your application.

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS

After the above items are met, selection into the paramedic training program will be based on the following assessment of your cognitive, psychomotor and affective abilities which will include the following:

1. A static patient care scenario based on NREMT (BLS) standards, using different cases to measure your ability to assess, treat and identify potential life-threats, while establishing a working differential diagnosis list. The student will be expected to verbally assess and discuss the patient scenario with the evaluators. (25%)
2. Successfully pass an EMT Basic written exam with a minimum of 80% as well as a psychomotor evaluation consisting of a BLS skill that will be randomly selected using the NREMT skills scoring sheet. (25%)
3. All applicants will be interviewed by an Oral Board that includes members from: the local SEAMS advisory council, the program medical director, the program director, and program clinical coordinator. The goal of the oral interview is not only to assess the individual applicant's qualifications but also to identify those applicants who demonstrate a passion for EMS. Our program is looking for those applicants who have a history of being respectful, are effective communicators, have exhibited leadership traits and consistently conduct themselves with integrity. (50%)

MANDATORY PRE CLASS MEETING

Those accepted into the program, and those on the alternate list, will be required to attend a pre-class orientation meeting on **August 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.** in NC-8 on the Thatcher campus.

<u>TUITION AND FEES (estimate)</u>			<u>Total</u>
EMT 200 (Summer prior 2 credits)	\$180 Tuition	No Fees	\$180
EMT 210 (Fall 12 credits)	\$1080 Tuition	\$650 Fees	\$1,730
EMT 219 (Fall 2 credits)	\$180 Tuition	No Fees	\$180
EMT 220 (Fall 1 credit)	\$90 Tuition	\$25 Fees	\$115
EMT 212 (Spring 12 credits)	\$1080 Tuition	\$475 Fees	\$1,555
EMT 221 (Spring 1 credit)	\$90 Tuition	\$25 Fees	\$115
EMT 222 (Spring 1 credit)	\$90 Tuition	\$25 Fees	\$115
EMT 214 (Summer 6 credits)	\$540 Tuition	\$300 Fees	\$840
Overall cost not including texts or uniforms:			\$4,830

Textbooks (approximate costs always subject to change) \$615

Additional costs include but are not limited to:

Stethoscope

Pocket Mask

Pen Light

Class Uniform

Fingerprint Card

Drug Screening Test

Additional Immunization Requirements per Clinical/Vehicular site requirements

Please contact the EAC Financial Aid Department for information regarding scholarship and grant opportunities. Many options are available to help you pay for college. See if you qualify today! 928-428-8287

REQUIRED PARAMEDIC CLASS TEXTS

- Sanders' Paramedic Textbook 5th Edition (please note new book and new edition)
ISBN: 978-1-284-14782-7
- Sanders' Paramedic Textbook - Student Workbook 5th Edition (please note new book and new edition)
ISBN: 978-1-284-19081-6
- AAOS Anatomy and Physiology Paramedic by Elling and Rothenberg 2nd Edition
ISBN: 978-1-4496-4230-3
- Understanding 12 – Lead EKGs 3rd Edition
ISBN: 978-0-13-292106-0
- Rapid Interpretation of EKG's by Dale Dubin 6th Edition
ISBN: 0-912912-06-5
- ACLS Provider Manual by American Heart Association
ISBN: 978-4-61669-400-5
- PALS Provider Manual by American Heart Association
ISBN: 978-1-61669-559-0
- PHTLS 9th Edition
ISBN: 978-1-28417-147-1

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN PARAMEDIC SCHOOL

- Make sure you know your EMT protocols and skills. Be a STRONG EMT!
- Begin to study and memorize your AZ drug profiles as well as common home medications. The drug profiles can be found at:
<http://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/emergency-medical-services-trauma-system/drugs/drug-profiles.pdf>
- Begin learning about heart rhythms and ECG analysis ahead of time from your paramedic peers.
- Develop good communication and people skills with an emphasis on development of good patient rapport.
- Develop STRONG leadership skills. Learn to delegate and give direction to others in a decisive manner without being too abrupt.
- Get your finances in order. You should not be working full time during paramedic school, so make sure you have enough money to see you through the year. Have some money in savings.
- Paramedic school is a huge time commitment and can be hard on personal relationships. Make sure you are ready to commit the time, energy and money to the program. Don't fall behind.
- Find a study regimen that works for you and stick with it.
- **Be dedicated to your education and to the program. Make becoming a paramedic your #1 goal.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline:	April 1, 2020
Documentation Submission Deadline:	April 15, 2020
Paramedic Prep Class:	June 15th -18th, 2020 (8am-5pm)
Oral Boards and Entrance Exams:	To be determined
Mandatory Pre-Class Meeting:	August 6, 2020
Classes begin:	August 10, 2020

WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 8am – 1pm*	Didactic in-classroom
Tuesday: 4pm - 10pm	Skills Lab
Wednesday: 8am - 1pm	Didactic in-classroom

***It is anticipated that Monday morning classes will be transmitted simultaneously to the Payson, Globe and Thatcher Campuses via zoom. It is also anticipated that face-to-face instruction will rotate to each campus every Monday in order to reduce student travel requirements. Tuesday night skills labs and Wednesday morning didactic will continue to be held at the Thatcher campus in order to comply with accreditation standards.**

Housing options are available for students who will be traveling to the Thatcher campus and would like to stay overnight before class on Wednesday. EAC has agreed to house students in vacant dorm rooms at a cost of \$10-15 per night as long as rooms are available. However, there are hotels in the area and students are welcome to utilize them at their own expense.



Paramedic Training Program Application
DUE BY APRIL 1ST FOR AUGUST ADMISSION CONSIDERATION
Program Start Date: August 10, 2020

1. Applicant:

Name: (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Last) _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone#: _____ Cell# _____
Email: _____

2. Present Employer:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone# _____ Supervisor's Name: _____
How long have you been employed with this organization? _____ years

3. Education:

EMT Program Location: _____ From: _____ To: _____
Additional EMS Preparatory Classes: _____

4. List states in which you hold a current EMT Certification:

State: _____ Certification#: _____ Exp. Date: _____
National Registry # (If applicable) _____ Exp. Date: _____

5. Other Patient Care Employment:

Organization _____ From: _____ To: _____
Organization _____ From: _____ To: _____

6. You will be required to submit two letters of recommendation. One must come from a higher-level medical provider (paramedics, RN or MD's) or supervisor. The letters must be signed and dated originals. Please have your letters sent by the author to:

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7. Official transcripts must be sent to the paramedic program office. They cannot be "issued to student" or hand carried with your application. Please use the address listed above. Transcripts should show proof of completion of BIO 160 or BIO 201 and 202, HCE 116 and EMT 200 with a grade of "C" or higher.
8. You must complete a Student Health Requirements Checklist and attach necessary documentation. (attached)

9. You must attach a copies of the following:
- Current State EMT Certification Card and NREMT Certification
 - Current AHA BLS Healthcare Provider Card (Front and back)
 - Copy of reading and math assessment scores
 - Copy of Fingerprint Clearance Card
 - Copy of current health insurance coverage

Please answer the following questions. If the answer to any question is "yes", a detailed report clarifying the situation must be attached to this application.

- Has your EMT/IEMT Certification ever been refused, suspended or revoked?
 Yes No
- Are you now addicted to drugs and/or have you ever been convicted or treated for drug addiction? Yes No
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

I certify that all the information provided by me is true, complete and accurate. I am responsible for provision of all requested information. Failure to provide proper documentation may adversely affect my admission into the program.

I hereby further authorize and consent to the release of information by this college, hospitals or other departments as appropriate regarding information relevant to the training program as long as such release of information is done in good faith and without malice, and I hereby release from liability Eastern Arizona College and its representatives for so doing.

I understand that Eastern Arizona College and their clinical/vehicular sites acknowledge that certain information pertaining to the condition and care of patients is confidential and, unless waived by the patient, is entitled to protection from disclosure under the law.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Please complete all the requirements listed below. You may meet the requirement with *one* of the listed suggestions. All requirements require submission of documentation to prove fulfillment of the requirement.

*MMR (Measles/Rubeola, Mumps & Rubella):

- I. Documentation of positive IgG titer for Measles/Rubeola, Mumps and Rubella.
If any of the titer results are NEGATIVE or EQUIVOCAL, you must get your first MMR vaccination and provide proof of documentation. The second MMR must be completed after 28 days and documentation submitted.
- II. Documentation of completion of one series of MMR immunizations. *One "series" of immunizations includes two immunizations for each disease on separate dates at least 28 days apart (at least 4 weeks).*

*VARICELLA (Chicken Pox)

- I. Documentation of positive IgG titer for Varicella or documentation of history of the active disease.
This must be documented by a physician or health department records.
If any of the titer results are NEGATIVE or EQUIVOCAL, you must provide proof of your first Varicella vaccination and documentation of the second vaccination completed 30 days later.
- II. Documentation of completion of one series of Varicella immunizations. *One "series" of immunizations includes two immunizations at least 30 days apart.*

*Tuberculosis (TB)

- I. Documentation of initial completion of a negative Two-Step TB Skin Test or negative IGRA. *Two-step TB Skin Test consists of an initial TB skin test and a boosted TB skin test 1-3 weeks following the first test.*
***If TB skin test results are POSITIVE, documentation of a clear chest X-ray is required. If chest x-ray is POSITIVE, further referral to a county public health and treatment documentation is required.**

*Hepatitis B

- I. Documentation of a positive HbsAB titer
- II. Documentation of Hepatitis B immunization series x2 if not covered to positive HbsAB titer on the first series. *One "series" of Hepatitis B immunizations includes three injections, an initial injection followed by a second injection given 1 to 2 months after the first dose and a third injection 4 to 6 months after the first dose).*
- III. Signed Declination form

*Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shot)

- I. Documentation of recent immunization
- II. Signed medical or religious exemption form. *This will require that a mask be worn during the designated flu season.*

*Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)

- I. A one-time adult dose of Tdap (age 19 or older), followed by a Td booster every 10 years after 5 years in the event of a needle stick exposure. *Tdap=Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis, Td=Tetanus/Diphtheria*

*10 Panel Drug Screen

**These items can often be completed at your primary care physician's office, your local health department, or at Gila Health Resources in the Family Medical Center office in Safford, AZ.*