

# CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Paramedic Information Packet



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**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 Paramedicine degree and is accredited in Oregon through CCWD (Community College Work Force Development) and the Department of Education, and nationally by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

**Paramedic Application Inquiries**  
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## **Programs Offered**

### **Paramedic Degree**

Students take general education courses as well as technical courses devoted to Paramedicine. The paramedic course is a limited enrollment program for courses EMT296, 297, 298, 280H. A Paramedic program sequence starts in both Fall and Spring terms. Students must apply for admission. Information is delivered in several fashions including traditional face-to-face, hybrid, virtual, intense lab practice, scenario training, clinical rotations both hospital and prehospital, and internship, candidates will 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-twelve 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 Chemeketa Brooks at 503-485-2131 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 earn a dual degree in Fire Science. Please see Paramedic program faculty for more information.

### **Associate Degree Upgrade for Licensed Paramedic**

This program is designed for a 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 request a transcript evaluation of their previous college credits. Please include official transcripts from all previous institutions as well as a transcript evaluation form, all of which should be submitted to Chemeketa's Admissions Office located in building 2, room 200. For more information, please contact Chris Arbuckle, Program Chair of EMT and Paramedic programs at 503-399-2663 or at [chris.arbuckle@chemeketa.edu](mailto:chris.arbuckle@chemeketa.edu).

## **Who is Eligible to Apply?**

The Paramedic Program is a limited entry enrollment with an average of twenty-four students each cohort. The program accepts students in both Fall and Spring terms. Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a position in the program:

1. Applicant must be licensed as an Oregon EMT and have a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider certification before the starting date of the Paramedic program.
2. Applicant must have proof of completion of the prerequisite courses or a reasonable plan of action on how to completion prerequisites before the starting date of the program.
3. Vaccination requirements will need to be completed prior to the course through our third party organization. Non-compliance can lead to loss of paramedic course continuation.

## Admission Prioritization

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

- Completion of admission application packet
- Introductory letter
- Oral interview
- Written essay - applicants with complete packets will be given a set time to write a response and answer a question chosen by EMS faculty.
- EMT level assessment evaluation
- Accumulated points for core courses
- Work history
- Endorsement Letter from EMS Chief/CEO/Chief
- Military Experience (if applicable)—please submit proof to receive points

With acceptance there will be requirements of regular attention to your Chemeketa email for class specifics, meetings, orientations, uniform information, and other opportunities

## Estimated Program Cost

This is an estimated cost of the Paramedic AAS degree (Approximately 6 terms). For more complete breakdown of cost, you are welcome to inquire with faculty. Please be aware this is an **estimate** and the actual cost per individual may vary depending on several factors.

- Paramedic Tuition (\$99 per credits, \$38.90 fee=\$137.90 per credit): \$5515.00
- Paramedic Lab/Differential fees: \$1600.00
- Paramedic textbooks (variable): \$800.00
- Vaccination cost (variable on needs): \$1110.00
- Uniform/PPE equipment/Physical (variable): \$400.00
- Prerequisite tuition/Books (variable on individual class fees) = \$8400.00

**Estimated Total: \$17,825.00**

**After course completion cost: *These fees are not included with the program cost***

- State licensure: \$290.00
- National Written Exam (Pearson Vue): \$110.00
- National Practical exam (variable on location): \$50.00-\$350.00

**Estimated total: \$750.00**

## 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, which are to be completed as a person enters the college. These assessments are done through Chemeketa Testing Center, located on Salem Main Campus building 3, room 268 (open Monday-Thursday). They can be reached at: 503-399-6556.

- Please fill out a Chemeketa Community College Transcript Evaluation for validation of completion of the prerequisite courses. You can obtain the form online at:

([http://www.chemeketa.edu/forms/documents/RequestforEvaluationandTransferofPreviousCredits\\_002.pdf](http://www.chemeketa.edu/forms/documents/RequestforEvaluationandTransferofPreviousCredits_002.pdf))

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: 1, 2, & 3

- (Chemeketa as well as some other colleges require a BI112 as prerequisite for BI231)

**HM120** \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Terminology 1

**EMT151, 152B** \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Medical Technician: Part 1 & 2

**OR**

**EMT153** \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Medical Technician

**ES172** \_\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Emergency Services

**OR**

**EMT175** \_\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Emergency Medical Services

**FRP256** \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Services Rescue Practices

**OR**

**EMT169** \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Medical Technician Rescue

**EMT176** \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Response Patient Transportation

**OR**

**FRP153** \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Incident Related Experience

**EMT177** \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Response Communication & Documentation

**ES115** \_\_\_\_\_ Crisis Intervention

**WR121** \_\_\_\_\_ The College Essay (or higher) (4 credits)

**MTH070** \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary Algebra (or higher) (4 credits)

- (Chemeketa as well as some other colleges require MTH095 as BI112 prerequisite)

**PSY101** \_\_\_\_\_ Psychology of Human Relations (or higher) (4 credits)

**COMM111** \_\_\_\_\_ Fundamentals of Public Speaking (or higher) (4 credits)

**HPE295** \_\_\_\_\_ Health and Fitness of Life (3- 4 credits)

**SS/HUM** \_\_\_\_\_ Social Science or Humanities Elective (4 credits)