



Paramedicine AAS Degree and Paramedic Bridge Certificate Information Packet



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**Chemeketa Community
College
Emergency Services
503.399.5163**

PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Paramedicine program offers career training for entry-level personnel, as well as certification/licensure and continuing education courses. Chemeketa offers a diverse, experienced emergency medical services faculty, excellent classroom and laboratory facilities, and outstanding hospital and pre-hospital clinical training sites. Paramedics may be employed by ambulance companies, fire departments, police departments, and industries. There is a great demand for EMTs and paramedics, both locally and nationally. Students working toward a paramedic license will complete approximately 250 hours of hospital clinical experience and 350-600 hours of field internship. Clinical experiences focus on developing the skills, attitudes, and work habits necessary for graduates to be successful in their field.

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).

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Paramedicine Degree

Students take general education courses as well as technical courses devoted to Paramedicine. The paramedic program is limited enrollment for courses EMT296, 297, 298, 280H. The Paramedic program sequence starts in Fall term each year. 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 Bridge Certificate

This certificate program is limited enrollment to selected students who have an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university, possess a current Oregon EMT License and are actively working in the EMS or Fire career field or are a recent graduate of the Chemeketa Fire Suppression Program. This pathway to a Paramedic License will prepare competent entry-level paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains through comprehensive education. This process will ensure that each candidate will be prepared for emergency responses and some of the most critical patient encounter with confidence and the ability to perform with an understanding of the current industry expectations.

Credit for Prior Learner and Certification

Chemeketa Brooks offer credit for the experience and classes you have already taken. Credit for prior learning is eligible for our two-year career-technical programs. 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.

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM COURSES

Students who are accepted into the Paramedic Degree Program or Paramedic Bridge Certificate Program will start Fall term with the following sequenced courses. Courses must be completed with a minimum of a “C” grade to remain in the program. See pages 5 and 6 for prerequisites and corequisites information.

Term	Course ID	Course Title	Credits
Fall	EMT296	Paramedic, Part 1	14
Winter	EMT297	Paramedic, Part 2	14
Spring	EMT298	Paramedic, Part 3	4
	EMT280H or EMT280C&E	Cooperative Work Experience	8

CONTACT US

If you have questions or need assistance with Paramedicine program information, please contact our faculty or staff listed below.

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Phone: 503.399.5163

(It is best to schedule an appointment time if you would like to speak with faculty or staff in-person.)

Academic Advising:

For general guidance about college admittance procedures and general education requirements visit

<https://www.chemeketa.edu/students/advising/>

In-person: Salem Campus, 4000 Lancaster Dr NE, Salem OR 97305, Building 2, Room 115

Phone: 503.399.5120

Chemeketa Community College prohibits unlawful discrimination based on the following: race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, protected veteran status, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, whistleblowing, genetic information, protected hairstyle (CROWN Act) expunged juvenile record, injured workers, victim of domestic violence (sexual assault, stalking, and/or harassment), political affiliation or belief, tobacco use during work hours or any other status protected by federal, state, or local law in any area, activity or operation of the College. The College also prohibits retaliation against an individual for engaging in activity protected under this policy, and interfering with rights or privileges granted under federal, state or local laws.

Under College policies, equal opportunity for employment, admission, and participation in the College's programs, services, and activities will be extended to all persons, and the College will promote equal opportunity and treatment through application of its policies and other College efforts designed for that purpose. All persons having questions or concerns related to Equal Employment Opportunity or Affirmative Action should contact the Affirmative Action Officer at 503.399.2537, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem OR 97305. Persons having questions or concerns about Title IX, which includes gender based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, interpersonal violence, and stalking, contact the Title IX coordinator at 503-584-7323, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97305, or <http://go.chemeketa.edu/titleix>.

Individuals may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), 810 3rd Avenue #750, Seattle, WA 98104, 206.607.1600.

To request this publication in an alternative format, please call 503.399.5192.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST

This is an estimated cost of the programs offered. 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 Degree Tuition and Fees: \$18,100.00
- Paramedic Bridge Certificate Tuition and Fees: \$12,900.00
- Paramedic textbooks (variable): \$800.00
- Vaccination cost (variable on needs): \$1,110.00
- Uniform/PPE equipment/Physical (variable): \$400.00
- Prerequisite tuition/Books (variable on individual class fees): \$8,400.00

After course completion cost (*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

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.

PARAMEDIC DEGREE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The Paramedic Degree Program is a limited entry enrollment that starts in Fall term each year. 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. 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.
3. 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. (*see page 5*)

PARAMEDIC DEGREE PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

The prerequisites and corequisites 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 an applicant has not attended college at Chemeketa, please refer to page 7 of this document. The following or equivalent courses must be completed with a minimum of a “C” grade before beginning EMT296. These are considered the “core” courses.

The following courses must be completed prior to acceptance into the Paramedic course by September.

Course ID	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> BI 231*	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
*Prerequisite: Placement into WR 115 (or higher), or completion of WR 090 (or higher); and completion of BI 112 with a grade of C or better; or consent of instructor. BI 112 Prerequisite: Placement into WR 115 (or higher), or completion of WR 090 (or higher); and placement into MTH 111Z (or higher), or completion of MTH 095 (or higher, except MTH 098 and MTH 105Z); or consent of instructor. (All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> BI 232	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BI 233	Human Anatomy and Physiology 3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT 175	Introduction to Emergency Medical Services	4
<input type="checkbox"/> -OR-	ES 172 - Introduction to Emergency Services	4
<input type="checkbox"/> -OR-	ES 173 - Principles of Emergency Services	3
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT 153	Emergency Medical Technology	12
<input type="checkbox"/> -OR-	EMT151 and EMT 152 - Emergency Medical Technician: Part 1 & 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> HM 120	Medical Terminology 1	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MTH 070	Elementary Algebra + (or higher)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 111Z	Public Speaking (or higher)	4
<input type="checkbox"/> WR 121Z	Composition 1	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 101	Psychology of Human Relations	4
<input type="checkbox"/> -OR-	Human Relations Elective	
<input type="checkbox"/> HPE295	Health and Fitness for Life	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Elective	Social Science or Arts and Letters	4

The following courses can be taken concurrently with Paramedic, but early completion will provide additional points of consideration.

<input type="checkbox"/> EMT 176	Emergency Response Patient Transport or FRP153 or FRP193	2
<input type="checkbox"/> -OR-	DPSST EVOC Course with Credit for Prior Learning Program	
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT 177	Emergency Response Communication and Documentation	2
<input type="checkbox"/> ES 115	Crisis Intervention	3
<input type="checkbox"/> FRP 256	Emergency Services Rescue Practices	4
<input type="checkbox"/> -OR-	EMT 169 - Emergency Medical Technician Rescue	

PARAMEDIC BRIDGE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The Paramedic Bridge Certificate Program is a limited entry enrollment that starts in Fall term each year. 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. An associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university.
3. Are actively working in the EMS or Fire career field or are a recent graduate of the Chemeketa Fire Suppression Program.
4. Applicant must have proof of completion of the prerequisite courses or a reasonable plan of action on how to completion prerequisites before or during the program. (see below)

PARAMEDIC BRIDGE CERTIFICATE PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

The prerequisites and corequisites for the Paramedic Bridge Certificate 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 page 7 of this document. The following or equivalent courses must be completed with a minimum of a "C" grade. These are considered the "core" courses.

To be eligible for this pathway you must have an Associate degree or higher and hold an Oregon EMT license.

The following courses must be completed prior to acceptance into the Bridge certificate course by September.

	Course ID	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMT 200	EMS Anatomy and Physiology for Pre-Hospital Providers <i>(Note: This course is only applicable to the Paramedic Bridge Certificate Program. It is not transferable to other colleges or degree paths.)</i>	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ES 172	Introduction to Emergency Services	4
	-OR-	ES 173 - Principles of Emergency Services	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HM 120	Medical Terminology 1	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	WR 121Z	Composition 1	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MTH 070	Elementary Algebra + (or higher)	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSY 101	Psychology of Human Relations	4

The following courses can be taken concurrently with Paramedic, but early completion will provide additional points of consideration.

<input type="checkbox"/>	ES 115	Crisis Intervention	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMT 176	Emergency Response Patient Transport	2
	-OR-	FRP153 / FRP193 – Fire Incident Related Experience 3	
	-OR-	DPSST EVOC Course with Credit for Prior Learning Program	
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMT 177	Emergency Response Communication and Documentation	2
	-OR-	FRP193 – Fire Incident Related Experience 3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRP 256	Emergency Services Rescue Practices	4

APPLYING FOR CHEMEKETA ADMISSION

In order to register for courses, you must first be a Chemeketa Community College Student. Read the below section that best describes your student status.

CURRENT “ACTIVE” CHEMEKETA STUDENTS:

If students do not have any holds on their account that prevent them from registering, please register for class when your Registration Status allows you to register. Registration Status can be viewed in your MyChemeketa account, under Registration. If you have holds on your account and need assistance with registration please contact Enrollment Services (503.399.5001) or Academic Advising (503.399.5120).

FIRST-TIME CHEMEKETA STUDENTS:

Visit our “First-Time College Student” webpage that will walk you through the steps of becoming a Chemeketa student.

<https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/first-time-college-student/>

First step:

- Apply for admission

Next step: Expect the admission process to take **five to fifteen business days** before you receive notification that you have been accepted as a Chemeketa student. Once accepted you can continue the following steps.

- Claim your Chemeketa student account
- Apply for financial aid
- Complete the new student orientation
 - This is an online video that you access through your MyChemeketa account.
- Complete the placement assessment
 - Estimated processing time: 3-5 business days.
 - Student must place into WR 080 (or higher), and MTH 052 (or higher).
- New student advising
 - Book your appointment as soon as possible. Depending on the time of year students may have to book an appointment several weeks in advance.

RETURNING AND TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Visit our “How to Enroll” webpage that will walk you through the steps of returning to Chemeketa or transferring to Chemeketa from another college. <https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/>

These steps may include, applying for admission, meeting with an advisor and applying for financial aid. Expect the admission process to take **five to fifteen business days** before you receive notification of admission.

OTHER:

Visit our “How to Enroll” webpage for additional information in becoming a current Chemeketa Student.

<https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/>

TRANSFERRING COURSES FROM ANOTHER COLLEGE

If you have attended another college, besides Chemeketa, you should complete a “Request for Evaluation and Transfer of Previous Credit Form”. More information regarding this process is available at:

<https://www.chemeketa.edu/students/student-services/enrollment-services/transcript-evaluation/>

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There is approximately \$500,000 available in scholarship and assistance funds to new and returning students each year.

For more information visit <https://www.chemeketa.edu/about/chemeketa-foundation/scholarships/>