



## PARAMEDIC EDUCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

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**Thank you for your interest in applying to the Paramedic Education Program at Tacoma Community College. The deadline for applications to the Paramedic Education program will be March 31<sup>st</sup>, annually.**

**If you have questions, please email us at [paramedicprogram@tacomacc.edu](mailto:paramedicprogram@tacomacc.edu).**

Please submit completed application forms **and** required documentation through the online application. All complete application packets received by the deadline will be carefully screened by the selection committee and considered for attendance at the Paramedic Program Selection Conference.

The selection committee will review all complete applications soon after the application closes. Qualified applicants will be invited to attend the Paramedic Selection Conference, which will be scheduled in either late April or early May. The Paramedic Program Selection Conference will include an information session to explain the expectations of the program and will offer the opportunity for applicants to ask questions.

During the conference, applicants are expected to take the 100 question EMT knowledge written exam, an EMT skills assessment\*, and a BLS case presentation. Remember, this is an EMT skills evaluation, and applicants will not be tested on any paramedic level knowledge. Specific directions for the process will be provided to qualified applicants prior to the Paramedic Selection Conference. Tacoma Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability.

*\*This part of the assessment may be modified due to pandemic constraints.*

TCC's Paramedic Education Program is designed to prepare graduates to meet State certification requirements, as well as to take the National Registry EMT-Paramedic examination. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, 727.210.2350. The CAAHEP website is: <http://www.caahep.org/>

Upon successful completion of the Paramedic certificate program, students have the option to pursue an ***Associate in Applied Sciences*** degree by completing 42 additional credits of general education courses as outlined in the curriculum. Those classes may also be taken prior to beginning the Paramedic Education program.

## Checklist for Paramedic Education Program Application

Application Deadline: **March 31<sup>st</sup>**

*To be eligible to apply, candidates must be at least 18 years of age; possess a current EMT certification; have a minimum of one-year of pre-hospital experience working as an EMT prior to the application deadline; be fluent in the English language; and possess the physical abilities and emotional stability to complete the program.*

- ☐ I have completed the Paramedic Education Program Application Form online.
- ☐ I have included a photocopy of my current **State or National EMT certification/card (must include date of issue and EMS Number)**.
- ☐ I have included documentation of at least **ONE YEAR** of pre-hospital experience working as an EMT, **ON LETTERHEAD STATIONERY** from the agency(s) where applicant works (or has worked) as an EMT by no later than May 18th. This document should include **total years working as an EMT and a good faith estimate of the number of patient contacts**. Please do not include additional letters of reference or recommendation with your application as they are not factored into the admission process.
- ☐ I have provided **unofficial transcripts** from all colleges previously attended (including TCC).
- ☐ I have submitted documentation that shows **successful completion of the English and Math requirements for admission** through official or unofficial transcripts OR through placement assessment.

Transcript must show:

English 101 or greater **and** Math 146 or greater with grade of C or better

**OR**

Equivalent courses as approved by the Program Chair. Placement scores at this level will also be acceptable.

- ☐ **I have completed the program course pre-requisites or am currently enrolled in these courses .**
  - ☐ HIT 130 Medical Terminology I
  - ☐ BIOL& 175 Human Biology with lab

\*Note: If pre-requisite courses are not completed before application submission, they must be completed prior to the start date of the program.

If you need assessment test information:

[https://www.tacomacc.edu/costs-admission/admission-process/course\\_placement/placement\\_testingprocess/course\\_placement/placement\\_testing](https://www.tacomacc.edu/costs-admission/admission-process/course_placement/placement_testingprocess/course_placement/placement_testing)