



Paramedic

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, the EMT-Paramedic student will:

- demonstrate the ability to comprehend, apply, and evaluate the clinical information relative to the role of an entry level paramedic. Assessment: Written exams, verbal reports .
- demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role of the entry level paramedic. Assessment: Skill competency demonstrations, successful completion of field internship.
- demonstrate personal behaviors consistent with professional and employer expectations for the entry level paramedic. Assessment: Effective assessment tool, successful completion of field internship.

Requirements for the Paramedic (AS) program:

Application Procedures:

Seats are limited, therefore, in order to be fully eligible for enrollment into the Paramedic Program, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that the following is completed prior the end of the application period held in the month of March:

- Fill out an application form obtained from the BC Paramedic Program website, or from the Fire Tech office located in room 125 at the Weill Institute (2100 Chester Avenue).
- Provide proof of high school completion (diploma or high school transcript) or GED – general education equivalent
- Provide a copy of current valid EMT card (State of California EMT and/or NREMT)
- Provide a copy of a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR card

- Provide a copy of California driver's license

Health Requirements and Screenings

After a student receives notification of enrollment into the Program and as a condition of enrollment students must complete all of the following:

- Background Check - As a condition of enrollment into any Allied Health Program with a clinical laboratory component, students are required to submit to and pass a designated background screen. Please note the following:
- A history of legal conviction(s), or any other convictions which bar a person from participation in a federal program, could render a student ineligible for clinical placement (see section 100174 of California's Title 22 - Division 9, Chapter 4).
- If a student cannot obtain background clearance from the clinical agencies, it will not be possible to place the student in the clinical areas, which is a required component of the Program.
- In the event that a student cannot obtain a background clearance due to background restrictions, the space will be forfeited.
- Students who are found to be ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical agency after admission to the radiography program shall be subject to dismissal from the Program, as they will be unable to complete mandatory clinical rotations.
- For more information on the background check, go to <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/allied-health>.
- Drug/Alcohol Screening - As a condition of enrollment into any Allied Health Program with a clinical laboratory component, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening.
- Vaccinations / Immunizations / Titers – Students must show proof the appropriate immunizations /vaccinations have been obtained. More information as well as the appropriate forms can be found on the Allied Health web site at <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/allied-health>.
- Mask Fit Test - The clinical education centers affiliated with Bakersfield College require all Nursing/Allied Health students to be fitted for a mask that will be used when treating patients with respiratory conditions such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, H1N1, flu, etc. The mask type is called N95 and comes in small and regular sizes. Students need to be properly fitted to determine which mask size best fits their facial anatomy. Testing of all students will be done annually as facial size may change. This test is mandatory for all students. For more information on the mask fit test, go to <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/allied-health>.
- Physical Exam - A physical examination, must be completed by a physician or Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant of the student's choice using the college's forms. The Physical Exam, drug and alcohol screen, background screen, Immunizations, and health tests are performed at the expense of the student. The physical exam demonstrates the student is able to achieve the physical and technical

standards necessary to meet the Program's objectives.

- CPR & AED Card – The student must possess a current American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR & AED) card. This card must be provided at the start of the Program and be kept valid during the entire Program.

Limitation on Enrollment:

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Please note the following:

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Licensure/Certification Eligibility

Upon completion of the program students are eligible to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination for licensure as a paramedic. Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Sacramento Emergency Medical Services Authority of California at the time of application for licensure. Anyone who desires further clarification may contact the EMS Authority at (916) 322-4336.

Accreditation

The Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). The program is also approved by Kern County Emergency Medical Services as meeting the EMS Education Standards as specified in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations and the National Highway transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) Paramedic Curriculum. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits Bakersfield College.

To Achieve the Associate in Science Degree

Upon successful completion of the core requirements with a 'B' grade or better in each course AND successful completion of the General Education courses with a 'C' grade or better, the student will be awarded a Paramedic Associate in Science Degree.

Program Prerequisite Requirements

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course with current EMT card

Program Costs

An estimated cost for the program is \$2000.

Career Opportunities:

Paramedics are typically employed by ambulance companies, private industry, and fire departments to provide emergency care in case of illness or injury. Median Hourly Earnings - \$16.53/hr.

Total Units: 39.5

Required Courses

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EMTC B14	Paramedic Skills Lab 2	1.0
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<i>Summer Semester</i>		
EMTC B16	Paramedic Clinical Lab	3.5
<i>Fall Semester</i>		
EMTC B17	Paramedic Field Internship	10.0

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