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# **Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine**

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## Program Overview

COCC's Paramedicine Program is an Associate of Applied Science (AAS), and all information contained in this handbook reflects an AAS focus. Admission to the Paramedicine AAS program is competitive, and enrollment is limited. Paramedicine prerequisite courses are open to all students (some require department approval). COCC's Paramedicine Program does not have an advanced placement option.

### Paramedicine AAS Program Information Sessions

Information sessions are held multiple times each year to explain eligibility, prerequisites, selection criteria, and general information about the COCC Paramedicine Program. The information session is the first step for those interested in the Paramedicine Program, and attendance is strongly encouraged prior to applying to COCC and the program.

### Accreditation

The Paramedicine Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Commission on Accreditation of Education Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). The Paramedicine Program is also accredited by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) upon the recommendation of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).

## Paramedicine AAS Program Courses

| Course or Requirement Name                        | Subject and Course Number | Credits |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Medical Terminology I                             | AH 111                    | 3       |
| Anatomy and Physiology I                          | BI 231Z                   | 4       |
| Anatomy and Physiology II                         | BI 232Z                   | 4       |
| Anatomy and Physiology III                        | BI 233Z                   | 4       |
| EMT Basic Part A                                  | EMT 151                   | 6       |
| EMT Basic Part B                                  | EMT 152                   | 6       |
| Emergency Response<br>Communication/Documentation | EMT 170                   | 2       |
| Emergency Response Patient Transport              | EMT 171                   | 2       |
| Crisis Intervention                               | EMT 195                   | 3       |
| Paramedic Part I                                  | EMT 290                   | 8       |
| Paramedic Part I Clinical                         | EMT 291                   | 3       |
| Paramedic Part II                                 | EMT 292                   | 8       |
| Paramedic Part II Clinical                        | EMT 293                   | 3       |
| Paramedic Part III                                | EMT 294                   | 8       |
| Paramedic Part III Clinical                       | EMT 295                   | 3       |
| Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)              | EMT 296                   | 1       |
| Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)            | EMT 297                   | 1       |
| Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)           | EMT 298                   | 1       |
| Fire and EMS College Success                      | FIRE 103                  | 1       |
| Introduction to Emergency Services                | FIRE 104                  | 4       |
| Rescue Practices                                  | FIRE 130                  | 3       |

| Course or Requirement Name                                                                                                                     | Subject and Course Number                                                                          | Credits |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Capstone Internship or Student Field Experience – Choose enough to reach 4 credits                                                             | EMT 280CI or EMT 280FE                                                                             | 4       |
| Paramedicine general education electives – Choose one course                                                                                   | ANTH 103, BI 234, CJ 100, EMT 163, EMT 164, OL 244, PSY 101, PSY 201Z, PSY 202Z, PSY 216, SOC 204Z | 3-5     |
| Choose one course: Stress Management, Nutrition for Health or Health and Fitness                                                               | HHP 242, HHP 266 or GGP 295                                                                        | 3       |
| Calculations for Allied Health (Math requirement – or choose one course from foundational math requirement list; <a href="#">see catalog</a> ) | AH 105                                                                                             | 3-4     |
| Human Relations program requirement – Choose one course                                                                                        | AH 115, BA 178, BA 285, COMM 218Z, COMM 219 or BH 208                                              | 3-4     |
| Composition I                                                                                                                                  | WR 121/121Z                                                                                        | 4       |

Students planning to transfer or, if affiliated should [see catalog advising notes](#) and/or meet with their adviser.

## Application Eligibility

A Paramedicine Program cohort (group of 24 students) begins every Fall term and is filled using a selective admissions process. The application for admission opens on the first day of Spring term and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday following Spring term finals week.

### Timeline

- 2027 Application Opens: March 29, 2027 at 8 a.m.
- 2027 Application Closes: June 15, 2027 at 5 p.m.

Only completed applications received by the deadline are considered for admission. Applications in progress will not be considered.

### Application Checklist

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements to apply; zero points are awarded for these requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all requirements are completed by the application deadline. Requirements can be viewed in GradTracks via your Bobcat web account. Applicants are encouraged to attend a Paramedicine Program information session and work with their advisor to confirm degree requirements are built into their academic plan.

### COCC Application (Zero Points)

A COCC application for admission is required prior to applying to the Paramedicine Program and must be current for the Fall term to which you are applying (e.g., if you are applying for Fall 2027, you need to verify your application will be active for the Fall 2027 term). COCC accounts are inactivated if students apply to a prior term but don't attend, or if they do not register for courses for one year or more. See the [Getting Started information](#) on the COCC website (under the Admissions tab and selecting "Apply Now") for more information on how to apply.

### Transfer Credits

If you have transfer credits, you must submit official transcripts to the Admissions and Records Office prior to advising, registration, and/or paramedicine application submittal.

- The transcript evaluation must be completed on or before the first advising appointment (for coursework in progress at another institution during spring term, see Appendix B: Transfer Evaluations Policies for more information).

- This evaluation is used to determine placement testing requirements and progress towards meeting both the application eligibility and the AAS in Paramedicine degree requirements.
- Notifications are sent to your COCC email account when official transcripts have been received, and when they have been articulated (evaluated and applied toward your application/degree requirements). Processing time may vary, so you are encouraged to submit transcripts as soon as possible.
- If you are submitting an Oregon EMT certificate as an equivalency to EMT 151 and EMT 152 and/or an NFPA Driver certificate (or equivalent) as an equivalency to EMT 171, copies must be submitted to [myprogress@cocc.edu](mailto:myprogress@cocc.edu). You may have to fill out/pay for credit for prior certification, prior to the deadline.

### **COCC Paramedicine Program Application (Zero Points)**

The Paramedicine application is an online application, and all required and/or additional documentation must be uploaded or submitted as part of the application process (details are available on the application). The application link is available on [the Paramedicine Program website](#) during the timeframe listed above.

Electronic copies of the following documents must be uploaded/submitted with the application by the deadline:

- Current Copy of Oregon EMT Certification or documentation of pending reciprocity or approval to test. This is required even if you've already sent a copy to [myprogress@cocc.edu](mailto:myprogress@cocc.edu) (must maintain currency throughout the length of program). All students in attendance on day 1 of EMT 290 will be required to produce proof of a current Oregon EMT license.
- Current Copy of American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS Card (must maintain currency throughout length of program)
- Fire/EMS Agency Affiliation Letter (if applicable)
- GradTracks "What-If" for your Paramedicine Application Checklist

You are solely responsible for ensuring you meet all application requirements and that you have submitted copies of all required documentation before the application deadline. Please make sure you and your adviser are referencing the 2026/2027 catalog requirements as previous catalog years will not be considered (except by approved petition).

## Prerequisite Courses (174 Points)

Points are awarded for each prerequisite course based on the grade received. To obtain the point total for each course, multiply the number of credits by the value for each grade:

- A grade: 3 points per credit
- B grade: 2 points per credit
- C grade: 1 point per credit

### Prerequisite Courses

| Course or Requirement Name                                                                                                 | Subject and Course Number | Credits |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| EMT Basic Part A (or current Oregon EMT or higher licensure)                                                               | EMT 151                   | 6       |
| EMT Basic Part B (or current Oregon EMT or higher licensure)                                                               | EMT 152                   | 6       |
| Intro to Emergency Services (max 3 credits for point calculation)                                                          | FIRE 104                  | 3       |
| Fire and EMS College Success                                                                                               | FIRE 103                  | 1       |
| Medical Terminology                                                                                                        | AH 111                    | 3       |
| Anatomy and Physiology I                                                                                                   | BI 231Z                   | 4       |
| Anatomy and Physiology II                                                                                                  | BI 232Z                   | 4       |
| Anatomy and Physiology III                                                                                                 | BI 233Z                   | 4       |
| Calculations for Allied Health (or one course from the foundational requirements math list – <a href="#">see catalog</a> ) | AH 105                    | 4       |
| Composition I                                                                                                              | WR 121/121Z               | 4       |
| Crisis Intervention                                                                                                        | EMT 195                   | 3       |
| Emergency Response<br>Communication/Documentation                                                                          | EMT 170                   | 2       |

| Course or Requirement Name                                                | Subject and Course Number                                                                                     | Credits |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Emergency Response Patient Transport<br>(or other approved certification) | EMT 171                                                                                                       | 2       |
| Rescue Practices                                                          | FIRE 130                                                                                                      | 3       |
| Human Relations program requirement –<br>Choose one course                | AH 115, BA 178, BA 285, COMM<br>218Z, COMM 219 or BH 208                                                      | 3       |
| Stress Management, Nutrition for Health<br>or Health and Fitness          | HHP 242, HHP 266 or HHP<br>295                                                                                | 3       |
| Paramedicine general education electives<br>– Choose one course           | ANTH 103, BI 234, CJ 100, EMT<br>163, EMT 164, OL 244, PSY 101,<br>PSY 201Z, PSY 202Z, PSY 216<br>or SOC 204Z | 3       |

### Prerequisite Evaluation Notes

- Missing prerequisites courses will result in an Ineligible Applicant status.
- Max of 3 credits used for point calculation for FIRE 104, Paramedicine Elective and the Human Relations requirement. Max of 6 credits used for point calculation for EMT 151 and EMT 152 requirement.
- Prerequisite courses must be completed by the Spring term in the year the student applies to the program with a “C” grade or better and have a prerequisite cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- When transferring applicable courses, the number of credits used for point calculation will be based on the number of credits of the equivalent COCC course, regardless of how many credits the course was worth at the transfer institution (see Appendix B: Paramedicine Program Transcript Evaluation Policies).
- If you’ve challenged or received a pass/no pass, your points will be awarded based on the overall GPA in the remaining prerequisite courses (4.0-3.7 = 3 points; 3.69-2.7 = 2 points; 2.69-2.0 = 1 point).
- Points for EMT 151 and EMT 152 will be awarded based on the letter grades earned in those courses, unless one of the following applies:

- The student earned a C in EMT 151 and/or EMT 152 and holds a current Oregon EMT (or higher) certificate; or
  - The student submits a current Oregon EMT (or higher) certificate but does not submit transcripts showing the letter grades for EMT 151 and EMT 152.
  - In either situation, points for EMT 151 and 152 will be awarded based on the student's overall GPA in the remaining prerequisite courses (4.0-3.7 = 3 points; 3.69-2.7 = 2 points; 2.69-2.0 = 1 point).
- Applications are evaluated using the 2026/2027 catalog year only.
  - Check with your adviser and/or [myprogress@cocc.edu](mailto:myprogress@cocc.edu) to ensure other certifications are submitted correctly and reflected on your GradTracks record (refer to 2026/2027 catalog year only).

## Point Ranking, Notification and Applicant Status

Admissions and Records will review all applications and award points as indicated above. Admission will be granted to the appropriate number of recipients with the highest point totals.

The program accepts 24 students per selection process; one half (50%) of the allotted seats are reserved for students currently affiliated with Fire/EMS Agencies located within the College's district. Admissions will be offered to these reserved seats based on the point-based system. Remaining affiliated students will be grouped with non-affiliated students and admitted to the remaining seats based on the point-based system. If there are fewer qualified affiliated students than the number of seats reserved, we will offer those seats to non-affiliated qualified applicants through the point-based system. The highest GPA in prerequisite courses will be used if a tiebreaker is needed.

Admissions and Records will notify applicants of their status via an official email; that will be sent to COCC email addresses only, no later than July 15th of each application year (unless deadlines shift due to extenuating circumstances). Admission status will not be given over the telephone or in person. Verification that an application is complete will also not be provided at any time as it's your responsibility to make sure you've completed the application and the application requirements by the deadline.

### Selected Applicants

Applicants who are selected for admission are conditionally admitted to the program, pending completion of the following steps:

1. **Return Acceptance Documents:** Signed Letters of Acceptance and Letters of Agreement, indicating acceptance of program policies must be submitted to Admissions and Records by the deadline specified in the acceptance letter.
2. **Complete and Maintain Eligibility for Required Coursework:** Students must successfully complete and maintain eligibility requirements for all prerequisite and support courses in progress, including any courses taken during Spring term, by the deadlines outlined in the acceptance letter.
3. **Meet Program Entrance and Technical Standards:** Students must be able to meet COCC's Paramedicine Program Entrance and Technical Standards and Policies to begin the program. These standards are available on the Paramedicine Department website and will also be emailed upon admission.

4. **Submit Required Health Documentation:** Students must provide official documentation of required immunizations, TB screening, and a BLS Provider card. Specific requirements and deadlines will be outlined in the acceptance letter.
5. **Complete Background Checks:** Students must complete a drug screening and criminal history check through a COCC-approved vendor. Additional details and deadlines will be included in the acceptance letter.

Applicants who decline their seat must reapply in a future application cycle if they wish to be considered for admission again.

## **Eligible Applicants Not Selected – Waitlisted**

Eligible students, who are not selected as part of the initial admitted group, will be placed on a waitlist of eligible applicants for that year based on their total points. If a seat becomes available, the next student on this list, with the highest point total, will be offered the vacant seat. Admissions and Records will continue down this list until all seats are filled with eligible applicants or until no eligible applicants remain. All non-admitted applicants will be required to reapply the next year.

## **Ineligible Applicants**

Ineligible applicants will be notified that their applications were not considered for the selection process for one or more of the following:

- Missing prerequisite(s)
- Prerequisite GPA below 3.0
- Out-of-district residency status

## Appendix A: Application Worksheet

Use this worksheet to assess if Fall 2027 application requirements have been met and tentatively tally points towards application (verify with your 2026/2027 GradTracks record and your advisor). See Appendix B: for notations associated with these courses.

### Application Eligibility Requirements

| Requirement                                                                                          | Complete |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| COCC General Application (Fall term)                                                                 |          |
| Paramedicine Program Application                                                                     |          |
| Official transcripts and/or copies of certifications (for prerequisite coursework not taken at COCC) |          |

### Prerequisite Courses

Points are awarded for each prerequisite course based on the grade received. To obtain the point total for each course, multiply the number of credits by the value for each grade:

- A grade: 3 points per credit
- B grade: 2 points per credit
- C grade: 1 point per credit

### Prerequisite Courses

| Course or Requirement Name                                                  | Credits | Grade | Points per Grade | Total Points per Course |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|------------------|-------------------------|
| EMT 151: EMT Basic Part A (or current Oregon EMT or higher licensure)       | 6       |       |                  |                         |
| EMT 152: EMT Basic Part B (or current Oregon EMT or higher licensure)       | 6       |       |                  |                         |
| FIRE 104: Intro to Emergency Services (max 3 credits for point calculation) | 3       |       |                  |                         |

| Course or Requirement Name                                                                                                         | Credits | Grade | Points per Grade | Total Points per Course |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|------------------|-------------------------|
| FIRE 103: Fire and EMS College Success                                                                                             | 1       |       |                  |                         |
| AH 111: Medical Terminology                                                                                                        | 3       |       |                  |                         |
| BI 231Z: Anatomy and Physiology I                                                                                                  | 4       |       |                  |                         |
| BI 232Z: Anatomy and Physiology II                                                                                                 | 4       |       |                  |                         |
| BI 233Z: Anatomy and Physiology III                                                                                                | 4       |       |                  |                         |
| AH 105: Calculations for Allied Health (or one course from the foundational requirements math list – <a href="#">see catalog</a> ) | 4       |       |                  |                         |
| WR 121/121Z: Composition I                                                                                                         | 4       |       |                  |                         |
| EMT 195: Crisis Intervention                                                                                                       | 3       |       |                  |                         |
| EMT 170: Emergency Response Communication/Documentation                                                                            | 2       |       |                  |                         |
| EMT 171: Emergency Response Patient Transport (or NFPA driver certification)                                                       | 2       |       |                  |                         |
| FIRE 130: Rescue Practices                                                                                                         | 3       |       |                  |                         |
| Human Relations program requirement – Choose one course (see <a href="#">pre-req list</a> )                                        | 3       |       |                  |                         |
| Choose one of the following:<br>HHP 242: Stress Management<br>HHP 266: Nutrition for Health<br>HHP 205: Health and Fitness         | 3       |       |                  |                         |
| Paramedicine general education electives – Choose one course (see <a href="#">pre-req list</a> ; max 3 credits)                    | 3       |       |                  |                         |

**Total Points (out of 174 maximum points): \_\_\_\_\_**

## Appendix B: Transcript Evaluation Policies

1. **Composition I (WR 121Z) Waiver:** Composition I will can be waived if the student submits an official transcript verifying a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, and the transcript does not indicate completion of an equivalent Writing Composition course. Students must email [myprogress@cocc.edu](mailto:myprogress@cocc.edu) to request that their transcript is evaluated for the waiver and posted to their GradTracks account. If waived, the grade for the Writing Composition course will be calculated based on the student's overall GPA in the remaining prerequisite courses. This must be completed prior to the application deadline.
2. **Grades**
  - a. Points for "Pass" (P) are awarded based on the student's overall GPA of the remaining pre-requisite courses.
  - b. Math grade will be selected based on the highest grade received in AH 105/MTH 105Z course or higher-level course.
  - c. Highest grade levels will be used whenever there are multiple courses completed that meet the pre-requisites.
3. **Semester hours transferred from other** institutions will be converted to quarter hours before scoring. Each semester hour equals 1.5 quarter hours. To convert, multiply your semester hours by 1.5. For example, 4 semester hours equals 6 quarter hours. Courses transferred from other institutions will be counted with the same number of credits that the comparable COCC course allows.

### Courses in Progress

If using term-based courses from another college or university that are in progress during the Spring term of the year you apply, the following must be completed:

- **Unofficial transcripts or registration verification:** Submit an unofficial transcript or registration detail by the application deadline to confirm Spring term enrollment. Email [selectiveadmissions@cocc.edu](mailto:selectiveadmissions@cocc.edu) to provide additional notice of your in-progress course.
- **Instructor grade submission:** Ask your instructor to email Admissions and Records ("Attn: Assistant Director of A&R") at [selectiveadmissions@cocc.edu](mailto:selectiveadmissions@cocc.edu)

directly with your final grade as soon as it's computed. Grades must be received by the application deadline.

- **Official transcript submission:** Request that an official transcript be sent from the other institution as soon as Spring grades post. COCC must receive the official transcript of Spring term class(es) by the application deadline.

**Important:** Semester courses or courses that end after the application deadline, or that will not have a final grade by the deadline, will not be accepted. If the outlined steps above are not appropriately followed, your application may be deemed ineligible.

**Note:** Courses in progress at COCC during Spring term are automatically added to your application after submission.

## Petitions

Exceptions or special conditions not covered by the transcript evaluation policies must be submitted through a petition. Petitions are generally used when a student has prior educational experience comparable to a program's requirement and wishes to have that prior work counted.

Petitions are available online on the [COCC Petitions page](#). Petitions may take up to five weeks to review, so to ensure a timely decision, it is recommended that petitions be submitted at least five (5) weeks prior to the application deadline.

## Important Handbook Notes

The information in this document reflects an accurate description of the Paramedicine Program selection criteria and process at the time of its publication. Conditions can and do change; therefore, the College reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the information contained in this packet.

It is the policy of the Central Oregon Community College Board of Directors that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, disability, sex, marital status, national origin, ethnicity, color, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, citizenship status, veteran status or any other classes protected under the Federal or State statutes in any educational programs, activities or employment. Persons having questions about equal opportunity and nondiscrimination should contact the Equal Employment Officer, c/o COCC's Human Resources office, (541) 383-7216. Faculty, staff and students are protected from discrimination and harassment under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Students attending classes or events who need accommodation for a specific disability should contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities at 541-383-7583. Other persons who, because of a physical or learning disability, need special accommodations to attend events should contact ADA Coordinator in Campus Services, 541-383-7775, in advance of their need for accommodation.