

COLUMBUS STATE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

PARAMEDIC FACT SHEET

The first step in becoming a paramedic is to apply to Columbus State Community College and complete the College Entrance Exam. Next you will need to take EMS 1860 – Emergency Medical Technician Course and successfully pass the National Registry exam in order to become an Ohio Certified EMT (if you haven't already done so). From there you will take the Paramedic Prep Course (Note: a 4 CR hour college level anatomy, physiology or pathophysiology course may be used in lieu of our Paramedic Prep Course). There is an application for the Paramedic Program and specific deadlines for each cohort. We accept applications year-round. Applications may be located at:

<https://www.cscs.edu/academics/departments/emergencymedical-services/pdf/Paramedic%20Program%20Application.pdf>

During the application process, you will need to schedule and compete the Fisdap Paramedic Entrance Exam. This exam covers math skills, reading comprehension, vocabulary & grammar, biology, anatomy & physiology, chemistry and a learning style profile. A study guide link is provided on our EMS website at www.cscs.edu/ems in the admissions link.

Paramedic students will be required to complete a health record form specifically for the Paramedic Program. This health record must be completed/submitted prior to the start of the second semester of the program. This form can be found on our website or by going to <http://www.cscs.edu/resources/media/services/pdf/health/EMS%20Paramedic.pdf>. We highly recommend you start this process early. Note that our hospital and field clinical partners require this completed health record and its content including annual flu vaccinations and COVID vaccinations prior to clinical placement.

Our 30-credit hour (4 semester) Paramedic Program requires a minimum time commitment of 30 clock hours per week. This is divided amongst classroom, skills lab, hospital, and field clinical experiences. This does not include homework or time for studying.

Students who wish to start the Paramedic Program in the Autumn will typically attend classes in the morning. Students who select a Spring start typically have classes in the afternoon. This is subject to change based on instructor availability and student demand.

For more information please contact: ems@cscs.edu or 614-287-2812

This program follows the National EMS Education Standards and is accredited by the Ohio EMS Board (Accreditation #311) and by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Professions (CoAEMSP) #600009.

Getting Started in the Paramedic Program Checklist

- Apply for admission to the College: [Apply Online | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Apply for Financial Aid: [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#) The CSCC school code is: 006867
 - Apply for Scholarships: [Scholarships | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Complete Placement Testing: [Schedule New Student Assessment](#)
 - Submit Transcripts from other college (if applicable): [Evaluation of Official Transcripts | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - While actively taking the Paramedic Prep Course (EMS 1002) or an approved college Biology course, the student should schedule the Paramedic Entrance Exam with Connie Frazee @ (614) 287-2812. Students are required to have a minimum cumulative score of 75% to be considered for the program.
 - Submit completed Paramedic Program Application: [Paramedic Program Application](#)
 - Submit required Health Record: [EMS 1861.pdf \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Register for New Student Orientation: [Orientation | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Register with Disability Services (if applicable): [Disability Services | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Begin fingerprinting and drug screen process: [Verify Students \(corporatescreening.com\)](#) Click on **Students Start Here** and enter promotion code: COLU8435
 - Pay tuition and fees. This link helps provides guidance about options and current fee payment deadlines: [Tuition & Fees | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Purchase Paramedic textbooks: [Bookstore | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Order required EMT uniform: [Uniforms | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Complete Blackboard Student Orientation: [Blackboard Student Orientation at CSCC](#)
 - Obtain a CSCC Student ID: [Student Central | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
After fees are paid, students are required to schedule an appointment to obtain a Cougar ID card.
 - Locate your classroom prior to the first class. Most EMS courses are held in the GA building at 375 N. Grant Ave on the Main Campus in downtown Columbus: [Columbus Campus | Columbus State Community College \(csc.edu\)](#)
 - Check your CSCC email frequently for messages from the EMS faculty and staff prior to the beginning of the semester.
 - Students have access to the Blackboard classroom after the fee payment deadline has passed. Access the EMS 1861 course using the log in and password provided to you. [Blackboard Learn \(csc.edu\)](#) The EMS 1861 Syllabus and Paramedic Student Handbook will be available to students at the Mandatory Orientation Meeting.
- If you would like to schedule an advising appointment with a paramedic instructor, you can email Kris Alexander at kalexan1@csc.edu or Kevin Hicks at khicks2@csc.edu.