

College of Emergency Services Frequently Asked Questions

What courses are required as part of a CES Paramedic education program?

- The CES Paramedic Programs consist of five components:
 - Anatomy and physiology: BIO 135 in the Certificate track and BIO 235 and 236 in the Degree track.
 - Didactic/classroom instruction using student centered learning.
 - Laboratory sessions including skill practice and evaluation, patient care scenarios, and scripted simulations to develop critical thinking.
 - Clinical hospital rotations to develop patient assessment and history taking skills, provide opportunities to observe a variety of patient conditions and treatments, and practice various therapeutics.
 - The capstone field internship provides the opportunity to develop team leadership and clinical competencies.

I want to enroll in the Paramedic Certificate Program and I have already completed an anatomy and physiology course. Do I need to take the A&P portion of the CES Program?

- Anatomy and Physiology BIO 135 is part of the Paramedic Certificate Program and **must be completed** as the initial term of the Paramedic Certificate Program.
- Transfer of credits or course work is not available for the Certificate Program.

Is anatomy and physiology considered part of the Paramedic Program for the Associate of Applied Science Paramedic degree?

- Yes, BIO 235 and 236 are part of the Paramedic Program course work and are term one required to complete the Degree Program.

I want to enroll in the Paramedic Associate Degree Program and I have already completed anatomy and physiology courses. Can I transfer those credits?

- Eight semester credit hours of A&P are required and must be at the 200-course level or higher.
- Prior course work/credits will be evaluated and must be equivalent to the course content of BIO 235 and 236 at CES.
- A & P courses must have been completed within the last five years to be eligible for transfer.
- Course credits must have been awarded from a college recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
- An official transcript from the college that awarded the credits is required.
- If the transfer of credits is reviewed and approved, the student will delay entry into the Program until term two.

I want to enroll in the Associate of Applied Science Paramedic Program and I have not completed the required general education credits: can I still enroll at CES?

- It is recommended that all general education courses required for the Associate degree are completed **prior** to applying to the CES Paramedic Associate Degree Program.
- If you are currently enrolled in general education courses all coursework **must be complete** within 26 months from the date of the first class session of the Paramedic Associate Degree Program (BIO 235). After that date, the student is no longer eligible for a degree award.

What courses in addition to A&P are required for the Associate of Applied Science Paramedic Program?

- 6.5 semester credits Emergency Medical Technician
- 6 semester credits in English
- 3 semester credits in Mathematics
- 3 semester credits in Anthropology, Sociology, or Psychology

How do I apply to a CES Paramedic Program?

- Visit <https://collegeofems.com> and follow the steps and directions provided.

Is entrance testing required?

- Yes, you must schedule a standardized entrance exam administered at the CES campus.
- Faculty also interview prospective candidates.

What texts and other materials are required?

- Once accepted to a Program, you will receive an enrollment agreement and other communication that details requirements for texts, uniforms, and other supplies.

Does CES accept CLEP credit?

- Credit obtained through the CLEP process can be accepted for general education credit for courses that are equivalent to those required for the CES AAS degree.

Is financial aid available?

- CES does not participate in federal financial aid programs.

Is a payment plan available?

- A payment plan is available.
- Information is available through the Business Office at (888) 609-6284.

Are veteran financial benefits available at CES?

- If you have questions on VA Benefits, contact CES.

Do I need current NREMT certification to enroll in the Paramedic Program?

- NREMT certification is not required.
- The applicant must hold a current Oregon state EMT, EMT-I or AEMT license.

What is the schedule for the Paramedic Program?

- The typical course schedule during the didactic and laboratory terms are two eight-hour days/16 hours per week. Completed in 28 weeks.
- BIO 135 is completed in three weeks in the Certificate program.
- BIO 235 and 236 are completed in 12 weeks in the AAS degree program.
- During the hospital clinical rotations and the capstone field internship, the student is expected to spend at least:
 - 24 hours per week in hospital clinical rotations. Completed in 13 weeks.
 - 36 hours per week during the field internship. Completed in 15 weeks.
- During the hospital clinical phase and the capstone field internship, working full-time in *not* recommended.

Is it possible to take time off during the Program?

- The Paramedic program is an uninterrupted course and students progress directly to the next component and must be prepared to attend the program continuously.

I don't live in the Portland area: can I attend clinical and field internship sites near where I live?

- The staff at CES will discuss preferred clinical and field placement locations and schedules with students. CES maintains clinical contracts with a variety of facilities and EMS agencies in the area.
- A current contract is required for any placement and students will be placed only at those sites.
- Due to the complexity of scheduling and the logistics involved, a student may not refuse or reject a clinical or field internship placement or assignment or delay the scheduling of clinical or field internship rotations.

Can I complete my field internship at the EMS agency where I work?

- If your EMS agency has a current contract with CES, placement at that agency may be considered. However, the student's preceptor must not be a friend, relative, or current supervisor. The objective of the field internship is to provide unbiased supervision and evaluation of student competency.

What are other prerequisites for the Program?

- For detailed College and Program information, download the CES Catalog under Links at: <https://collegeofems.com>.

Obtaining licensure or certification as a Paramedic

- Upon successful completion of the Paramedic program the graduate is eligible to sit for the National Registry of EMT credentialing exam as a Paramedic. The process includes a cognitive and psychomotor exam and information can be found at: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/paramedic>. NREMT certification is required in most states, including Oregon and Washington, to obtain licensure or certification as a Paramedic.