COLUMBUS STATE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

The EMS Technology Department at Columbus State Community College offers two options for paramedic training. The program is three full semesters (one calendar year), and an 11-week capstone course in the fourth semester. New cohorts begin every Autumn and Spring Semesters. Class, lab, and clinical times for each are as follows:

Autumn Semester Start (late August)-Morning Class & Lab/Afternoon Clinical Program

- Class & Labs: Tues, Weds, & Thurs 08:00-12:00
- Hospital Clinical: Tues, Weds or Thurs 13:00-17:00 (specific days may vary throughout the program)
- Field Clinical: Flexible Schedule within program defined parameters.

Spring Semester Start (mid-January)-Afternoon Class & Lab/Evening Clinical Program

- Class & Labs: Tues, Weds, & Thurs 12:00-16:00
- Hospital Clinical: Tues, Weds or Thurs 17:00-21:00 (specific days may vary throughout the program)
- Field Clinical: Flexible Schedule within program defined parameters.

A Candidate desiring to apply must:

- Be an Ohio certified EMT or Advanced EMT
- Place into ENG 1101
- Complete the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Admission Assessment (A2) Exam
- Complete the CSCC EMT Knowledge Exam (SEE our ADMISSONS WEB PAGE for dates to sign up for this exam kshort@cscc.edu)

Documents required as part of the application:

- The CSCC Paramedic Program Application which includes providing contact information for professional references
- A copy of Ohio EMT or Advanced EMT certification
- Copy of current AHA BLS Provider certificate or equivalent
- Copies of completion certificates for FEMA courses: IS-700.B & IS-100.C
- Copies of completion certificates for Ohio courses:
    - Ohio Rescue Task Force Awareness-Course # WBT923
    - Ohio Trauma Triage-Course # WBT912
    - Dementia Training for Ohio EMS- Course # WBT924

EMS 1002-Paramedic Prep Course is a required co-requisite course. Students who are accepted into the paramedic certificate program must take EMS 1002 along with EMS 1861, the first in the paramedic course series. EMS 1002 will be scheduled one day per week during time allocated for clinical.

The selection process is competitive. Students are awarded points based on the score on an EMT Knowledge Exam, score on the HESI exam, previous college coursework, relevant patient care experience and current ALS affiliation. Students accepted into the program will be required to complete and submit a current Health Record which includes the most updated flu vaccine and pass a background check and drug screen.

Getting Started in the Paramedic Program Checklist

- Apply for admission to the College: Apply Online | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Also helpful- the Getting Started Guide
- Apply for Financial Aid: FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid The CSCC school code is: 006867
- Apply for Scholarships: Scholarships | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Complete Placement Testing: Placement & Testing | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Submit Official High School Transcripts: How to Send Official High School Transcripts | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Submit Transcripts from other college (if applicable): Evaluation of Official Transcripts | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Watch for confirmation email to obtain your CSCC username, password and Cougar ID-all communication will come to you via CSCC student email, get logged into your CSSS student email account right away.
- Schedule to take the HESI-A2 exam: Healthcare Programs Admission Tests | Columbus State Community College
- Schedule to take the EMT Knowledge Exam. Check our EMS Admissions Page for sign up link
- Submit completed Paramedic Program Application & related documents Paramedic Program Application
- Submit required Health Record: EMS 1861.pdf (cscc.edu)
- Register for New Student Orientation: Orientation | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Register with Accessibility Services (if applicable): Accessibility Services | Columbus State Community College

Students who are accepted into the Paramedic Program will be required to attend a mandatory orientation session. The date & time of the session will be provided via email when applicants are offered a seat in the upcoming paramedic program. The Health Record must be submitted to Immuware and approved by the Health Records Office PRIOR to orientation. Faculty will register students for paramedic courses upon completion of the orientation session.

- Begin fingerprinting and drug screen process: Background and Drug Screening | Columbus State Community College
- Pay tuition and fees. This link helps provides guidance about options and current fee payment deadlines: Tuition & Fees | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Purchase Paramedic textbooks: Bookstore | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Order required EMS student uniform: Uniforms | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- Complete Blackboard Student Orientation: Blackboard Student Orientation at CSCC
- Obtain a CSCC Student ID: Student Central | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu) Student IDs are available for issue after fees area paid.
- Register your vehicle and pay for Parking: Student Parking | Columbus State Community College (cscc.edu)
- 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 (cscc.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 (cscc.edu) The EMS 1861 Syllabus and Paramedic Student Handbook will be available on the course Blackboard site.

- If you would like to schedule an advising appointment with a paramedic instructor, please email Kevin Hicks at khicks2@cscc.edu or Mark Blankenburg at mblankenburg@cscc.edu

The CSCC paramedic 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 Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Professions (CoAEMSP) #600009.