

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Paramedic Certificate

This 39 credit-hour certificate program is to be offered in two semesters starting in the fall semester and concluding the following spring semester. The program is designed to expand the entry-level knowledge and skills initially acquired through Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), or Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I) education. Paramedic education includes classroom and lab instruction, plus hospital-based and field-based clinical experiences under the direct supervision of an approved preceptor. The Paramedic program exposes the students to a wide variety of patients, including observation and/or direct patient care in one of the EMS System hospitals and on ALS vehicles. Instructional content and design is based on the National EMS Education Standards (NHTSA, 2009) and is approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of EMS and Highway Safety. Paramedics must complete the certificate program to be eligible for licensure, but are encouraged to complete the full AAS degree.

The Paramedic program course work, including academic and clinical components, is administered through the EMS Department at Northwest Community Healthcare. Hospital internships are completed at area-wide hospitals while the field internship is completed with a System affiliated Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider agency with which the student is employed or has a participation agreement. After completion of the program, candidates are eligible to take a Paramedic licensure exam.

Admission Requirements:

Paramedic is a limited enrollment program. For admission requirements please contact the Admissions Outreach Office at 847.925.6700 or visit harpercollege.edu.

Students who apply for this limited enrollment program are obligated to meet current admission requirements and follow program curriculum as defined at the time of acceptance to the program.

Required:

A grade of C or better in all EMS courses (EMS 215, EMS 217 and EMS 218 with grades of P) is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits
EMS 210	Paramedic Preparatory	10
EMS 211	Paramedic Medical Emergencies I	5
EMS 212	Paramedic Medical Emergencies II	7
EMS 213	Paramedic Trauma/Special Populations/EMS Operations	6
EMS 215	Paramedic: Field Internship	4
EMS 216	Paramedic Seminar	3
EMS 217	Paramedic: Hospital Internship I	2
EMS 218	Paramedic: Hospital Internship II	2