



Pensacola State College

Paramedic Program

Information Packet

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Program Information Packet

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To apply for the Pensacola State College Paramedic Program, you must:

1. Apply to Pensacola State College, if you have not applied in the past. If you have attended the college in the past, but not recently, you will need to update your information with the Admissions office at any Pensacola State campus.
2. Posses a current Florida EMT Basic Certification. If you have not yet completed EMT-basic training, you must apply for that program first. Contact the Health Admissions office, 484-2210 on the Warrington Campus, Building 3600, Room 3622, for an application.

If you are EMT-basic certified in another state or by National Registry, but not yet Florida certified, you will need to contact the Florida Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance, for information and an application (<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa>).

3. Have a current BLS Health Care Provider Card from one of the three listed below:
 - American Heart Association, Heath Care Provider
 - American Red Cross Professional Rescuer
 - American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) CPR Pro
4. Complete a Health-Related Admissions application checking **Paramedic** as your program choice. Provide a front and back copy of your BLS and Florida EMT Basic Certification cards along with the application. Your application is not complete until these two items are provided to the Health Admissions Office. Health Admissions is located on the Warrington Campus, Building 3600, Room 3622.
5. Schedule the TABE test through the Testing Department at Warrington Campus, 484-1076, Pensacola Campus, 484-1656, or Milton Campus, 484-4410. While not intended to be an entrance exam, the TABE is a benchmark for where students are academically. It is a multi part test, with math and reading comprehension both requiring an 11th grade level to satisfy program requirements. If a student does not make the 11th grade level, they will still be permitted in the program with the understanding that remediation is required.
6. Program acceptance is based on selection from all qualified candidates on a first-completed/first-seated basis. Upon acceptance, attend the program

orientation. **THIS IS MANDATORY.** Failure to do so will result in the student being denied entry into the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the Paramedic Program start?

The program begins each August, and continues for 14 months. You will need to have your applications complete on or about January 15th. The incoming class will be selected and must attend an orientation session prior to the program start date.

Approximately how much does the program cost?

Florida Residents:

42 credits @ \$98.05, in-state (\$4,118.10) for the Paramedic certificate; tuition only

73 credits @ \$98.05, in-state (\$7,157.65) for the EMS-AAS degree; tuition only

Alabama Residents:

42 credits @ \$99.05, in-state (\$4,160.10) for the Paramedic certificate; tuition only

73 credits @ \$99.05, in-state (\$7,230.65) for the EMS-AAS degree; tuition only

Out of state resident fee is \$369.58/credit hour. Please contact the Pensacola State College Admissions office if you have questions regarding residency.

Additional Expenses (approximate):

Books	\$600.00
Lab fees	\$285.00
Uniforms	\$150.00
Supplies	\$300.00
Immunization/Physical	\$300.00

Fees may vary and are subject to change.

Remember, the legislature has the right to raise tuition, and generally does so in July of each year.

What is the difference between the Paramedic Certificate and the EMS-AAS degree?

You can go to work with the paramedic certificate as soon as you graduate and pass the Florida Paramedic Certification exam. If you choose to complete the degree, you can test for Florida certification when you have successfully completed the 42 college credit hours of the Paramedic program, whether or not you have completed the associated required college classes required for the degree.

The EMS-AAS degree consists of 11 college credit hours for EMT (must have been completed at Pensacola State or able to be articulated over to Pensacola State College from a CoAEMSP accredited program), 42 college credit hours for Paramedic from Pensacola State College, and 20 other credit hours of specific general education. For specific information regarding the other college classes, check the Pensacola State College catalog under the AAS programs for EMS-AAS. The Pensacola State College catalog is available online at <http://www.pensacolastate.edu/misc/collegecatalog> .

Many students elect to complete EMT and Paramedic, then return to complete the other required classes for the EMS-AAS degree. Other students go straight through to the degree.

What can I do *before* I enter the program to help me succeed?

Take Anatomy and Physiology I and II and the associated labs (BSC 1093 and BSC 1093L and BSC 1094 and BSC 1094L). There is a component of anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology in each of the Paramedic program classes. If you do not take A&P I and II and the associated labs, you must take Essentials of A&P (BSC1080 and BSC1080L), with the accompanying lab, before beginning or during the first semester, which is a total of 4 credit hours. However, A&P I and II (BSC 1093, BSC1093L, BSC1094, BSC1094L) are much more comprehensive, and, as well, comprise two of the seven classes required for the EMS-AAS degree.

It is helpful to have EMT-basic experience before you enter the program. You will exit a much better prepared Paramedic if you have spent time in the field building your basic skills first. If you choose to enter the program without sufficient experience in the field, you may be asked to complete extra field time, for BLS skills, during the first term.

You will need to be able to communicate via Pensacola State College email (called Pirate Mail) and use a computer to do basic tasks. The paramedic program uses computers extensively. Each student should have access to a computer with a printer.

It would be helpful to brush up on basic math skills. Many students have difficulty with drug calculations because their math skills are poor. After you apply to the program, if you wish additional help with your math skills, you can contact the SAIL Lab at Warrington Campus. The SAIL lab offers tutorials on math that will assist you in preparing for the critical skill of drug calculation. You can also go to the Math Lab on the Warrington campus in building 3100 (850) 484-2378.

Should I take ACLS, ITLS, PALS, or any other similar class before coming to the paramedic program?

No. You will take these classes within the program.

Should I buy my textbooks and begin reading before class starts?

No. All this information will be sequenced and covered in a specific format. If you read the material before class begins, you may be confused or become bored during class time when information you have already reviewed is covered again.

What if I was:

- In the military and served as a corpsman or the like;
- Worked as a patient care tech or nursing assistant;
- Licensed or certified as a health care provider in some other field.

Will any of the above-mentioned experience reduce my number of hours in the Paramedic program?

No. It should be noted, however, that experience is always helpful, and will help you succeed in the program. None of these will articulate over to substitute for classes within the paramedic program.

The one exception: if you are a Florida-EMT Basic certified and a Florida-licensed RN, and hold a current American Heart Association ACLS course card, you will be allowed to challenge the Florida Paramedic certification exam. If you are already a Florida-EMT basic certified, hold a current ACLS card, and you are a Florida-licensed RN, contact Florida Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance to apply for the Florida Paramedic certification exam (<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa>).

Can I take some of the Paramedic classes now and start full time next year?

No. The Paramedic program consists of 17 individual classes, which must be taken in succession. You can take the general education classes required outside of EMT and Paramedic core classes for the degree. The program sequence is below.

Paramedic Certificate Sequence

Class of 2012

<i>Fall</i>		
BSC 1080	Essentials of A/P	3
BSC 1080L	Essentials of A/P lab	1
EMS 2613	Patient Assessment	1
EMS 2614	Airway Management/Respiratory Emergencies	3
EMS 1601	Introduction to Advanced Prehospital Care	1
EMS 2231L	Paramedic Lab I	3
TOTAL		12 hours
<i>Spring</i>		
EMS 1683	Fundamentals of Advanced Prehospital Care	1
EMS 1654	Paramedic Field/Clinical Experience I	3
EMS 2627	Medical Emergencies	4
EMS 1612	Cardiovascular Emergencies	2
EMS 2232L	Paramedic Lab II	2
TOTAL		12 hours
<i>Summer</i>		
EMS 2681	Special Considerations in Prehospital Care	1
EMS 2680	Behavioral Emergencies	1
EMS 2628	OB/GYN/Neonatal/Pediatric Emergencies	2
EMS 2655	Paramedic Field/Clinical Experience I	3
EMS 2682	Advanced Prehospital Trauma Management	2
EMS 2236L	Paramedic Lab III	3
TOTAL		12 hours
<i>Fall</i>		
EMS 2656	Paramedic Field/Clinical Internship	5
EMS 2460C	Advanced Clinical Practice	1
TOTAL		6 hours
PROGRAM TOTAL		42 hours

Can I enter the program later than August?

No. Each class must be completed in succession. The exception to this would be if you are enrolled in a paramedic program at another CoAEMSP accredited college, and the successfully completed classes are able to be articulated over to Pensacola State College for credit.

On which days/nights of the week are classes held?

Class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday. Specific times will be announced as dictated by the trial schedule which. This is a very intense program, and will require many hours of in-class and out-of-class time to complete.

You will be doing clinical and/or field time on weekends, holidays, evenings, and nights. Students who work full-time may be required to take time off to complete certain specific requirements.

What will be required of me once I am accepted to the program?

Upon acceptance into the Paramedic program, you will be required to be fingerprinted and have a background check, and complete a drug screen. You will complete a health form with your private physician, and the information required will include immunization status and titer levels. You will also complete orientation requirements for each of the local hospitals. This information will be covered in the Orientation session prior to starting the Paramedic program.

Flexibility: It is the intention of the program to accomplish the objectives specified in the course syllabus however, circumstances may arise which prohibit the fulfilling all objectives therefore, this syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the primary course instructor. When possible, students will be notified of any change in advance of its occurrence.

"Pensacola State College provides an institutional email account to all credit students. Pirate Mail is the official method of communication, and students must use Pirate Mail when communicating with the College. In cases where companion software is used for a particular class, emails may be exchanged between instructor and student using the companion software."

Electronic devices such as cell phones, IPODS, pagers, etc., are to be turned "OFF" while attending class. CELL PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED DURING CLASS FOR ANY REASON. An electronic device which goes off during any class violates the Pensacola

State College Code of Conduct. Any interruption will result in a two (2) point deduction from the final grade for each offense.

Any students whose disabilities fall within the Americans with Disabilities Act or section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should inform Disability Support Services (DSS) at the beginning of the term of any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements for this course. The DSS office is located on the Pensacola campus, Building 6, Room 603.

Contact Information

<u>Department / Contact</u>	<u>Telephone #</u>	<u>Email</u>
Program Director Don Lee, MSM, CP, NCEE	484-2225	dlee@ pensacolastate.edu
Health Sciences Department Head Sandra Hartley, MS, CP	484-2308	shartley@pensacolastate.edu
Health Admissions Sarah Lewis	484-2210	slewis@pensacolastate.edu
Academic Counseling Milton Campus Pensacola Campus Warrington Campus	484-4410 484-1660 484-2270	
Admissions Offices Milton Campus Pensacola Campus Warrington Campus	484-4410 484-1602 484-2270	
Testing Centers Pensacola Campus Warrington Campus	484-1656 484-1076	
Financial Aid Milton Campus Pensacola Campus Warrington Campus	484-4410 484-1680 484-2349	

This publication is to provide general career and program information and is not to be construed as a contract between the student and Pensacola State College. The student is encouraged to work close with counselors and the department to verify the appropriateness of courses for registration.

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Department of Health Sciences Paramedic Program

✓	Applicant's Check list of Forms/Requirements	
	1.	Application to College; updated application if it has been one year since attending
	2.	Application to Program (Health-Related Application) Submit to: Health Admissions Office Bldg. 3600, Warrington Campus 5555 West Hwy 98 Pensacola, FL 32507
	3.	Request for High School/GED transcript
	4.	Request for College transcripts if applicable
	5.	A 2.0 minimum overall GPA
	6	Submit a copy of current Florida EMT Basic Certification and CPR Certification to: Health Admissions Office Bldg. 3600, Warrington Campus 5555 West Hwy 98 Pensacola, FL 32507
	7	Complete the TABE, if applicable
	8.	Retain a copy for personal use of all forms submitted

PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

REQUEST FORM FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

The applicant is responsible for mailing this form to the appropriate high school, university(s) or college(s). Transcripts submitted by the student will not be accepted. Academic records must be mailed directly to the address on this form. This form may be copied for multiple uses.

TO THE REGISTRAR/Records Clerk:

COMPLETE NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PLEASE SEND:

_____ High School Record (showing graduation date or date of withdrawal)

_____ College Transcripts

_____ Transient Student Approval

If a charge is required for this service, please bill the student at the information provided below:

PLEASE MAIL RECORDS TO: REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

**PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE
1000 COLLEGE BOULEVARD
PENSACOLA, FL 32504-8998**

DATE: _____ STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN LOCATING YOUR RECORD AT THIS SCHOOL/COLLEGE:

Current Last Name First Middle Maiden

Current Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Name at time of enrollment at this school Student ID number used at this school
Approximate dates of attendance Graduation date (if applicable)

Application for Health Related Programs

Student ID Number (**Required**)

Last Name

First

Middle and/or Maiden

Mailing Address: _____

Number & Street (apt # if applicable)

City

State

Zip Code

Check the program(s) you want to apply for and return this form to the Health Program Admissions Office at 5555 West Highway 98, Pensacola, FL 32507; or fax it to (850) 484-2375. You may check multiple programs.

✓	Program	Start Dates		
	Career Mobility – Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Paramedic to Registered Nurse ⇒Florida LPN License OR Florida Paramedic License required		May	
	Certified Nursing Assistant		May	
	Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to Licensed Practical Nurse ⇒Florida CNA License required			Aug
	Dental Hygiene		May	
	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) ⇒CPR Certification required	Jan	May	Aug
	Health Information Management			Aug
	Medical Information Coder/Biller Certificate			Aug
	Health Services Management	Jan		Aug
	Health Unit Coordinator			Aug
	Medical Assisting			Aug
	Medical Office Administration	Jan	May	Aug
	Medical Laboratory Assisting / EKG Technician Program			Aug
	Medical Records Transcribing	Jan	May	Aug
	Nursing (A.D.) R.N.	Jan		Aug
	Nursing (A.D.) R.N. ⇒Weekend/Evening Option – See Information Packet for specifics	Jan		
X	Paramedic ⇒Florida EMT License Required			Aug
	Perioperative Nursing ⇒Registered Nursing License required			Aug
	Pharmacy Technician		May	
	Phlebotomy	Jan		Aug
	Physical Therapist Assistant			Aug
	Practical Nursing		June	
	Radiography		June	
	Sonography	Jan		
	Surgical Technology			Aug
	Veterinary Technology			Aug

I understand that this application DOES NOT GUARANTEE admission into a health-related program and certify that the information is correct knowing that falsification of information could lead to dismissal if I am accepted into the program. I also understand that I must keep Pensacola State College informed of my current address and telephone number by submitting a Student Record Change Form at any Student Affairs Office or online in my Spyglass account.

Date

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Signature of Health-Related Program Applicant

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