

Ventura College

School of Prehospital and Emergency Medicine



Paramedic Studies



The Ventura College Paramedic Studies program is designed to prepare individuals to work as advanced-level prehospital care providers with specific knowledge of the paramedic profession, proficient in the use of basic and advanced level skills, able to apply sound theoretical rationale and critical thinking skills as the basis for decision making and ultimately success in the workplace. We are the only accredited program in Ventura County. The program promotes the integration of the paramedic skill set with competence in communication, mathematics, and problem-solving skills. A candidate who completes the program is eligible for either a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate's Degree in Paramedic Studies.

Entry into the program requires that the candidate be a currently certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Upon completion of the program, the candidate is eligible to take the NREMT paramedic licensing exam. The graduate who completes the associate degree track may also be prepared for transfer to a baccalaureate emergency medical services program.

THE PARAMEDIC STUDIES PROGRAM

PM V95: Work Experience (Optional)

This course builds upon the experience of an EMT while working with a paramedic observer and responding to emergencies as part of a 911 response team. This course has a maximum capacity of 15 students who are already accepted into the paramedic program.

PM V01: Paramedic Theory

This course focuses on didactic material and related skills, necessary to establish a foundation for prehospital assessment and management of patients. Full-time students will attend class four days a week and part-time students, twice a week. This course has a maximum capacity of 24 students. Seats are awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.

Students have the option to choose from the Full-Time Paramedic Program or the Part-Time Paramedic Program.

Full-Time Program (January – September, 9 months)

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Start Time	0700	0700	0700	0700
End Time	1630	1630	1530	1500

Part-Time Program (May – May, 12 months)

Day	Thursday	Friday
Start Time	0700	0700
End Time	1630	1630

PM V02: Paramedic Clinical Practicum and Paramedic Field Internship Capstone

- Semester 2 for the Full-Time Program begins in May upon successful completion of PM V01 Paramedic Theory.
- Semester 2 for the Part-Time Program begins in January upon successful completion of PM V01 Paramedic Theory.

The hospital rotations are designed to provide the paramedic student with supervised clinical application of cognitive knowledge and psychomotor skills in acute patient care areas. The clinical shifts average 40 hours per week, may be scheduled any day of the week, and will have varying times and locations which are selected by each student at the conclusion of PM V01. A minimum of 216 hours is required to progress into the field internship capstone.

During the field internship capstone, the student is assigned to a response vehicle with a paramedic preceptor. Under direct supervision and evaluation, the field experience is designed to provide the student with direct patient care responsibilities in providing advanced life support. Field internship primarily consists of 24-hour shifts aligned with the preceptor's work schedule. A minimum of 480 hours is required with a minimum of 40 advanced life support contacts. Internships may be extended to include additional shifts up to 720 total hours.

PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITES

- High School Graduation or GED
- Proof of completion of an EMT course
- Current EMT Certification
- Current CPR Certification for a BLS Provider from the American Heart Association or American Red Cross
- Current Driver's License
- No misdemeanors or felonies on record
- Successful completion of a physical exam, background investigation, drug and alcohol screening, and proof of immunizations (instructions and forms provided upon placement)
- A minimum of 1000 hours of EMT experience

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

- College-level human anatomy and physiology with labs and achievement of a grade of C or better
- PM V95: Work Experience course (for applicants with non-911 based EMT experience)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Additional information and requirements for those students wishing to complete an Associate Degree can be obtained by calling for a counseling appointment at 805-289-6448 (main number). Make certain to ask for one of the counselors who specializes in Allied Health Care Programs.

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ADMISSION

Applications for the Full-Time Cohort are accepted April – July of each year. Applications for the Part-Time Cohort are accepted September – December of each year. All approved applicants are placed on a waitlist that is used to fill seats in the program. Notifications of acceptance are sent out after the application window closes.

After a candidate has been selected for admittance to the program, a physical exam must be passed prior to entry into the program. The exam must indicate freedom from communicable diseases and the ability to function in a hospital clinical area. This physical exam may be performed by a physician of your choosing or at the Student Health Center on Campus using the forms provided upon placement in the program.

- Students must open a Castlebranch.com account to upload their required immunization history and required titers.
- Students must demonstrate clearance of criminal background investigation, performed by Englander Investigations.
- Drug and Alcohol testing is required and information on this item will be provided after acceptance into the program.

ADMISSION STANDARDS

All students admitted to a health science program are expected to maintain the highest personal standards for conduct consistent with the professional standards as perceived by health science faculty and professional personnel in the agencies used as extended campus sites. Any information indicating that such standards are not maintained is subject to review by members of the health science faculty and may result in a recommendation to the college for dismissal from the program. Evidence of physical and emotional fitness upon admission and throughout the program is expected and is subject to medical opinion of the college physician and to medical opinion or policy of hospitals or agencies that are used as extended campus sites for assigned educational experience.

ACCREDITATION



The Ventura College Paramedic Studies Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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QUESTIONS?

If you have additional questions please call the School of Prehospital and Emergency Medicine at 805-289-6364 or 805-289-6367, or you can reach Thomas O'Connor, EMS Programs Director at thomas_oconnor2@vcccd.edu.