

Paramedic

Program

Paramedic

Degree Type

AAS Degree

Location

Sumiton Campus

The Paramedic Program offers several options. It is recommended that the student consult the EMS faculty for advising regarding the different options.

- The AAS may be obtained from any campus.
- The Paramedic level courses are offered only on the Sumiton Campus.

Admission Requirements/Program Policy

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a GED or high school diploma and complete all general college application requirements. Applicants must comply with the Essential Functions of the program and provide a current (within the last 6 months) physical exam including up-to-date immunizations. The student must provide verification of current health insurance. Applicants must adhere to the Alabama Department of Public Health Administrative Code, Chapter 420-2-1. Applicants must possess a valid, current CPR card.

This program is designed to provide the training necessary for successful completion of the requirements for Paramedic, to enable the student to take the National Registry of EMT's Paramedics Exam, and, if successful, to apply for an Alabama license. The program goal is to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective domains. The length of the program is five semesters.

1. Clinical agencies/facilities require the College to provide evidence that student participants are not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Students will be required, at their own expense, to have an initial drug screen at a time and place determined by the faculty prior to entering clinicals. In addition, random drug screens may be conducted throughout the curriculum. If a drug screen is non-negative, the student will be immediately dismissed from the Paramedic program.
2. If there is reasonable cause to believe a student is in violation of the institutional conduct code, such as observable changes in behavior, performance, appearance, or speech, the student will be dismissed from the Paramedic program immediately.
3. Certain clinical facilities utilized by the Paramedic program require criminal background checks declaring that the student has no criminal history. Therefore, a background check will be required upon enrollment in the program. The cost of the background check/affidavit will be the responsibility of the student. Issues pertaining to a student's positive background check may result in the student being denied admission to or dismissal from the Paramedic program. Background information will be provided to all clinical facilities. A clinical facility has the right, at their sole discretion, not allow the student to attend the facility and if so, the student will receive an "F" for the clinical course, be dismissed from the program, and not allowed to return to the program.
4. Paramedic program faculty reserve the right to require, at any time, proof of a student's physical, mental, and/or emotional health. All students must be able to perform the Essential Functions. The faculty may require students to receive, at the student's expense, counseling and/or medical treatment in order to continue in the Paramedic program. If treatment is required, the student must provide documentation from the attending physician/primary healthcare provider of the student's ability to perform skills effectively.
5. A student who is treated or hospitalized for any health problem must submit a statement from the physician/primary healthcare provider indicating ability to continue in clinicals and/or the program.

6. A completed health form must be submitted. In addition, students must comply with any additional health requirements of clinical agencies.
7. All students must present verification of health insurance coverage before attending the first scheduled clinical day, as well as maintain this health insurance coverage throughout the program of study.
8. Dismissal from the program will result in a student being ineligible for readmission to the Paramedic program or any other Health Science program offered at Beville State for two years.
9. The grading scale is A: 92-100; B: 83-91; C: 75-82; F: 74-Below.
10. At no time will a student be substituted for staff during a hospital or prehospital clinical.
11. There is no advanced placement, experiential learning credit, or challenge for EMS courses.
12. EMS courses are progressive during the semester and each course must be successfully completed to continue into the following semester.
13. Clinical issues will be decided by the Clinical Review Board.
14. The Paramedic Program must be completed within two (2) calendar years from beginning paramedic level courses to be approved to take the National Registry Examination.
15. Students must possess National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) EMT Certification to take the NREMT Paramedic Examination.

General Studies Courses

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| ORI 107 | STUDENT SURVIVAL SKILLS | 1 |
| ENG 101 | ENGLISH COMPOSITION I | 3 |
| | Humanities/Fine Arts Elective | 3 |
| MTH 116 | MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS | 3 |
| BIO 103 | PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY I | 4 |
| PSY 200 | GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY | 3 |

Field of Concentration Courses

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| EMS 118 | EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN | 9 |
| EMS 119 | EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CLINICAL | 1 |
| EMS 155 | ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN | 7 |
| EMS 156 | ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CLINICAL | 2 |
| EMS 241 | PARAMEDIC CARDIOLOGY | 3 |
| EMS 242 | PARAMEDIC PATIENT ASSESSMENT | 2 |
| EMS 244 | PARAMEDIC CLINICAL I | 1 |
| EMS 245 | PARAMEDIC MEDICAL EMERGENCIES | 3 |
| EMS 246 | PARAMEDIC TRAUMA MANAGEMENT | 3 |
| EMS 247 | PARAMEDIC SPECIAL POPULATIONS | 2 |
| EMS 248 | PARAMEDIC CLINICAL II | 3 |
| EMS 253 | PARAMEDIC TRANSITION TO THE WORKFORCE | 2 |
| EMS 254 | ADVANCED COMPETENCIES FOR THE PARAMEDIC | 2 |
| EMS 255 | PARAMEDIC FIELD PRECEPTORSHIP | 5 |
| EMS 256 | PARAMEDIC TEAM LEADERSHIP | 1 |
| EMS 257 | PARAMEDIC APPLIED PHARMACOLOGY | 2 |
| Total Credits | | 65 |