

Paramedic Short Term Certificate

Program

Paramedic

Degree Type

Short-Term Certificate

Location

Sumiton Campus

Admission Requirements

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 or current CPR card.

There are three entry points to this program:

1. Successfully completed EMT.
2. Successfully completed EMT and Advanced EMT.
3. Completed all academic courses, hold an associate degree or higher, and possess an Alabama healthcare provider license acceptable to the program.

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 EMTs Paramedic Exam, and, if successful, to apply for an Alabama Paramedic license. The length of the program is three 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, to 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 advance 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.

Upon completion of program requirements students must pass licensure exam for employment purposes.

Field of Concentration Courses

ORI 107 is a pre/co-requisite for this degree.

Item #	Title	Credits
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	29