

# FACT SHEET



## Emergency Medical Services:

### EMS – Paramedic

PENDING ICCB AND IBHE APPROVAL

**Associate in Applied Science Code: 5039**

This certificate is offered at the Quad-Cities Campus.

### Description

The Associate in Applied Science EMS-Paramedic program consists of the basic certificate EMS program with 20 hours of general education Arts and Sciences courses added. The program is intended to give graduates greater flexibility in their career choice because many industries are now giving preference in hiring to candidates with an associate degree.

An AAS degree in Emergency Medical Services can prepare graduates for being a supervisor, operations manager, administrative director of emergency services or charge medic. The target population consists of EMS personnel already working in the field as a paramedic who would like to add to their certificate to earn a degree and to those who have not had any training.

FIRST YEAR			SECOND YEAR		
SPRING SEMESTER SUGGESTED COURSES		SEM. HR.	SPRING SEMESTER SUGGESTED COURSES		SEM. HR.
EMS 100	Emergency Medical Technician Basic	7	EMS 122	Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate Theory	8
BIOL 145	Anatomy Physiology I	4	EMS 162	Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic Theory II	6
Elective <b>OR</b>	100 Intro to College (suggested)	1-3			
SUMMER SEMESTER SUGGESTED COURSES		SEM. HR.	SUMMER SEMESTER SUGGESTED COURSES		SEM. HR.
COM 100	Communications Skills <b>OR</b>	3	EMS 161	Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic Clinical I	7
ENG 101	Composition I <b>OR</b>				
ENG 132	Technical Writing				
FALL SEMESTER SUGGESTED COURSES		SEM. HR.	FALL SEMESTER SUGGESTED COURSES		SEM. HR.
EMS 120	Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate Theory	8	EMS 163	Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic Paramedic Clinical II	7
EMS 160	Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic Theory I	6	CS 100	Introduction to Computers	3
BIOL 146	Anatomy Physiology II	4	SPEC 175	Intercultural Communication	3
			SOC 200	Contemporary Social Problems	3

Students are encouraged to consult with an advisor for appropriate course selection.

**Minimum Hours Required for Completion: 70-72**

### Admissions Requirements

High school graduate or equivalent. Must be 18 years of age. All students must take the COMPASS test before registering for EMS classes. A physical exam is required. Physical forms will be provided by the EMS Education Office. The physical exam must show proof of current immunizations, including measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and TB testing. Each prospective student shall contact an advisor to help them through the admission process.

**A current CPR card is required – “C” level – (health provider) from the American Heart Association or its equivalent before taking EMS 100. All students must have an EMT–Basic License issued in Illinois to start the Paramedic Program.**

## Employment Opportunities

Job opportunities include hospitals, private ambulance services, municipal fire, police, home land defense, hospital emergency departments, rescue squad departments, and industry. Most facilities require a physical exam and passage of a strength/agility/endurance test prior to employment. A good driving record with minimal infractions for the past 3-5 years is important for employment.

Salary ranges from \$32,000 to \$58,000.

## Faculty

The EMS classes will be taught by physicians, registered nurses, and paramedics with advanced education in medical and trauma management.

## Facilities

Most classroom experiences are at Black Hawk College Quad-Cities Campus. Clinical experience will be at Genesis/Illini Hospital Campus.

## Enrollment

Assistance to successfully complete this program of study is available fall, spring and summer sessions. Successful completion of prerequisite courses is necessary prior to being admitted to the EMS program.

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