EMERGENCY CARE and rescue

Why choose paramedic education at WSU?

- Nearly 100 percent of WSU’s paramedics are employed upon graduation.
- WSU’s Department of Emergency Care and Rescue has been nationally accredited for more than 25 years, making it the first in Utah, and one of the first in the nation.
- The paramedic program is nationally recognized for exceptional performance on the National Registry Paramedic certification Exam.
- WSU’s EMS program does not require prior EMS agency experience or sponsorship.

What degrees/certificates are available?

- Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Emergency Care and Rescue (Paramedic)
- Institutional Certificate in EMT-Paramedic
- Certificate in EMT Basic

What degrees/certificates are offered through distance learning?

Many of the prerequisite courses may be taken online through the distance learning program. An evening paramedic program is provided using video streaming technology.

What are the employment opportunities?

EMT Basics find employment in and out of hospital care areas such as fire, police, ambulance, ski patrol and security positions as well as emergency departments. Paramedics work in fire, police and other EMS agencies throughout the Intermountain West and nation.

What are starting salaries of graduates?

In Utah, starting salaries are $14,000 to $25,000 for EMTs and $30,000 to $40,000 for paramedics. This may vary considerably depending on the region, workplace, experience, AAS degree and skill level.

What will I learn in the program?

EMT: Basic life support, patient assessment and treatment modalities comprise this basic curriculum. U.S. Department of Transportation and Utah Department of Health standards for certification are met. Paramedic: Curriculum include advanced life support as provided through U.S. Department of Transportation and Utah state standards for certification.

Is there an application deadline?

EMT Basic follows normal university registration procedures. Paramedic classes, both day and evening, start each fall semester. The initial deadline for application is April 15. Applications are accepted year-round or until a class is filled. Early application is encouraged.

Advising

All potential applicants for EMT Basic internship and the advanced paramedic program MUST have Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions advising. Call advising at 801-626-6136, or email healthprofessions@weber.edu.

Where can I find out more about the programs?

Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions
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EMS Certificates

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
(EMT Basic Certification)

Required Course (There are no prerequisites.)
PAR 1000  EMT Basic
PAR 1001  EMT Basic Lab

INTERMEDIATE EMT
Check with department for offering. Also available at Davis Applied Technology College: 801-593-2532

PARAMEDIC
Applicants must possess Utah EMT Basic certification and score 75 percent on the departmental EMT Basic written exam. Applicants should have one year of EMS experience or complete PAR 1005/1006 (see WSU catalog for PAR 1005/1006 prerequisites).

Prerequisite Courses
(Must be completed with a "C" or better)
HTHS 1101  Medical Terminology
ENGL 1010  Intro to Writing
MATH 0960  First Course in Algebra

HTHS 1110/1111  Biomedical Core
OR
ZOOL 2100/2200  Anatomy & Physiology
OR
Transfer Equivalent

Required Courses
PAR 2000  Introduction to Paramedic Practice
PAR 2010  Medical Emergencies
PAR 2020  Traumatic Emergencies
PAR 2030  Special Considerations in Paramedic Practice
PAR 2040  Paramedic Clinical Lab I
PAR 2100  Advanced Paramedic Practice
PAR 2110  Paramedic Clinical II
PAR 2120  Paramedic Internship

A criminal background or positive drug test can affect a student's opportunity to be placed in clinical internships and/or obtain state certification or licensure. Many clinical facilities and field internship agencies now REQUIRE drug testing and criminal background checks prior to participation.

AAS Degree Emergency Care and Rescue

Prerequisite Courses
ENGL 1010  College Writing
MATH 1010  Intermediate Algebra
HHTH 1108  Biocalculations for Health Professions

HTHS 1110  Biomedical Core I
HTHS 1111  Biomedical Core II
OR
ZOOL 2100  Human Anatomy
ZOOL 2200  Human Physiology
OR
HHTH 1115  Biomedical Principles for Paramedic
(no longer offered but still accepted)
ZOOL 2100  Human Anatomy

HHTH 1101  Medical Terminology

Required Courses
Call department for details on EMT Basic experience credit.
PAR 2000  Introduction to Paramedic Practice
PAR 2010  Medical Emergencies
PAR 2020  Traumatic Emergencies
PAR 2030  Special Considerations in Paramedic Practice
PAR 2040  Paramedic Clinical Lab I
PAR 2100  Advanced Paramedic Practice
PAR 2110  Paramedic Clinical II
PAR 2120  Paramedic Internship

General education support courses
COMM HU 2110  Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
HHTH 2230  Introduction to Pathophysiology
PSY SS 1010  Introduction to Psychology
SOC SS 1020  Social Problems
HLTH 3400  Substance Abuse Prevention
ENGL 2010  Intermediate Writing

WSU Degree Requirements
AAS Degree 54 hours plus prerequisites

General education requirements for all degrees vary and are specified by each program. Students should consult the WSU catalog (documents.weber.edu/catalog) and an advisor before selecting educational courses.

The Emergency Care and Rescue program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP), 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas 76021

This is a sample of course requirements but not an academic contract with the specific department. Curriculum and program requirements are subject to change without notification.

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