

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES-PARAMEDIC

<http://www.sandburg.edu/Academics/Degree-Certificates/EMS-Paramedic/index.html>

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – Paramedic program offers two paramedic training options, a certificate or a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree, both designed to prepare individuals to become an entry-level paramedic in the State of Illinois. The EMS – Paramedic program at Carl Sandburg College is designed to prepare the graduate to administer emergency care to the critically ill or injured in pre-hospital settings, as well as inside emergency departments.

## Working Conditions

Paramedics work all shifts ranging 12-24 hours per shift, weekends, and holidays. Their work is physically strenuous and can be stressful, sometimes involving life-or-death situations. The Paramedic provides direct patient care and must be able to obtain the knowledge (cognitive function), skills (psychomotor function), and demonstrate professionalism (affective function). Please refer to the Essential Skills & Abilities of a Paramedic to determine if you are able to meet these functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

## Employment

Graduates gain employment primarily with ambulance services, fire departments, helicopter flight crews and hospitals. It is projected employment of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics will grow 24 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Emergencies, such as car crashes, natural disasters, and acts of violence, will continue to create demand for EMTs and paramedics. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Accreditation/Approval

Carl Sandburg College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

## Higher Learning Commission

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Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504

## Licensure

Graduates will be eligible to take the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Paramedic licensure exam.

## Admission to the Program: Selective

The Paramedic Program has limited enrollment and a selection process for admission into the program. Applicants need to refer to the Eligibility & Admission Requirements for this program to determine eligibility criteria and selection process. Students interested in this program must attend a Health Professions Informational Session prior to applying to the program. The online application deadline date for the Paramedic Program is June 1 for Fall enrollment and November 1 for Spring enrollment.

Please note applicants who do not hold a current EMT license need to apply by November 1 for Spring enrollment into EMS 101- EMT course. Upon successful completion of the EMS 101 course and EMT state examination the student will progress into paramedic courses in the Fall. Applicants who have a current EMT license need to apply by June 1 for Fall enrollment. We notify applicants approximately two weeks after the application deadline date whether or not they have been accepted into

the program. Applicants accepted into the Paramedic program must attend the required program orientation session.

Students accepted will be required to possess Healthcare Provider CPR certification throughout the program, show proof of immunizations and required titers, TB test, physical examination, criminal background check, and drug screen. Students are responsible for all fees incurred, in addition to tuition. Please refer to the EMS-Paramedic Program Cost Sheet. Please note findings on the criminal background check and drug screen may void conditional admission and prevent entrance to the program. Findings on the physical examination and drug screen may prevent placement at the clinical sites.

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## For Graduation Requirements:

See the graduation policies and procedures ([http://catalog.sandburg.edu/academicinformation/#graduation\\_policies\\_and\\_procedures](http://catalog.sandburg.edu/academicinformation/#graduation_policies_and_procedures)) [page for details](#).

Course	Title	Semester Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
EMS.101	Emergency Medical Technician	8
ENG.101	Freshman Composition 1	3
PSY.101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC.101	Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Summer Session</b>		
PHL.103	Biomedical Ethics	3
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
BIO.211	Anatomy & Physiology 1	4
EMS.112	Paramedic Pharmacology	2.5
EMS.120	Paramedic I	7
EMS.125	Paramedic Practice 1	2.5
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
BIO.212	Anatomy & Physiology 2	4
EMS.130	Paramedic II	8
EMS.135	Paramedic Practice II	4
<b>Summer Session</b>		
EMS.210	Paramedic III	3
EMS.215	Paramedic Field Internship	5
Total Semester Hours		60

Note: Students enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic program must complete all EMS courses with a grade of C or better in order to register for subsequent courses and continue in the program. In order to graduate students must complete all EMS courses with a grade of C or better.

(Students who do not expect to complete their degree within five years should refer to the Graduation Requirements section in this catalog.)

Service, Galesburg Cottage Hospital, OSF St. Mary's Medical Center, Kewanee Fire & Rescue, and other surrounding community's fire & rescue agencies as needed.

## Certificate

Course	Title	Semester Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
EMS.101	Emergency Medical Technician	8
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
EMS.112	Paramedic Pharmacology	2.5
EMS.120	Paramedic I	7
EMS.125	Paramedic Practice 1	2.5
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
EMS.130	Paramedic II	8
EMS.135	Paramedic Practice II	4
<b>Summer Session</b>		
EMS.210	Paramedic III	3
EMS.215	Paramedic Field Internship	5
Total Semester Hours		40

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The paramedic practice courses are designed for hands-on training in the Paramedic classroom, lab and practicum settings. The paramedic courses are held in the evenings at Carl Sandburg College's Galesburg campus Building H, H102 is the Paramedic State-of-the-art Skills Lab where essential skills such as IV insertion, airway management, EKGs, administering medications and performing advanced life support measures will be practiced on up-to-date equipment and simulated training manikins. Practicum experiences for the EMS-Paramedic program will be gained with community agencies and ambulance services in the Galesburg area such as: Galesburg Hospitals' Ambulance