

**COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

Application & Admission Procedure

General Information

The Paramedic Program application period for the Fall 2023 class is now open. The application period is January 15 - July 1, 2023.

Contact the Emergency Medical Technology Department (662-621-4041/ 662-621-4159) for clarification or questions regarding the application.

Summer Requirements for Spring admission to the Paramedic Program:

If accepted to the Paramedic Program, the following must be completed before Spring enrollment is allowed:

1. Successful completion of course requirements for admission
2. Successful completion of the *Health Sciences Summer Enrichment Camp to be held in July here at the Robert G. Mason Health Sciences building. It is typically over 2 weekdays.*
3. Successful completion of additional program-specific requirements

Application to Coahoma Community College

An application to *Coahoma Community College* must be made or updated **before** applying to the Paramedic Program.

Visit:

https://myccc.coahomacc.edu/ICS/Admissions/Online_Application.jnz?portlet=Apply_Online&screen=Begin%2f%2f33570983-8676-4b4c-9193-5df9d9b78242&screenType=next%27

for the ONLINE college application form(s).

A review of the requirements for both general and program-specific admission are:

- 1) A completed CCC application
- 2) High school transcript or GED
- 3) ACT with a score of **16** or higher
- 4) Social security card, and immunization record (form on the website)
- 5) Anatomy & Physiology I with a grade of “C” or better (2.0). **NOTE: Any applicant that has Anatomy and Physiology grades older than 7 years as demonstrated on a certified college transcript must repeat the pre-requisite.**

NOTE: PLEASE CONTACT THE PROGRAM FOR THE MOST RECENT REQUIREMENT FOR A & P I.

- 6) Be a nationally registered EMT upon admission and become Mississippi certified upon acceptance to the Program.
- 7) Pass an NREMT basic knowledge exam and skills assessment test with a grade of 80% and complete a professional (affective) self-evaluation.
- 8) Pass a state and federal criminal background check
- 9) Attend a Health Sciences Summer Enrichment Program in the summer before classes begin

NOTE: Students will sign an *acknowledgment form* stating that they agree to complete these requirements. This form is found on the last page of the application packet.

Pre-Admission Requirements

1. All requirements for general admission to the college must be met and if owed, any outstanding fees paid to the CCC business office.

Pre-Requisites:

- Nationally Registered EMT with Mississippi certification
- Anatomy & Physiology Requirement:
 - Applicants should have Anatomy & Physiology I with lab with a grade of “C” or better, (2.00 on a 4.00 scale).
 - For classes **older than 7 years**, the student is required to repeat Anatomy and Physiology.

Preference is given to students who have *already taken* Anatomy & Physiology I & II with a grade of C or better in lecture and lab, although the program will consider allowing the student to take A & P II as a co-requisite if accepted.

NOTE:

- A) If a student is accepted and allowed to take Human Anatomy and Physiology II as a *co-requisite*, he/she must be aware that if they **fail** (fall below a grade of “C”), they will be dismissed from the paramedic program.
 - B) Anatomy and Physiology II MUST be completed before the student may graduate from the paramedic program.
 - C) Anatomy and Physiology classes are necessary for many health sciences programs, therefore they tend to fill to capacity quickly! If a student is accepted and allowed to complete A & P II while in the program, he/she must register for these requisites as EARLY as possible when registration opens.
2. Admission to the Associate Degree Paramedic Program is competitive according to weighted criteria. Meeting pre-admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Graduation Requirements

- a. Requirements for the Paramedic **Certificate**:
 - i. 8 semester credit hours of Anatomy and Physiology with labs with a minimum grade of “C” in both.
 - ii. Completion of all paramedic classes with an average of at least 80% C in each class
 - iii. Completion of all semester and summative cognitive, psychomotor, and affective evaluations by the medical director and program director
 - iv. Completion of all laboratory, clinical, and field requirements
 - v. Completion of one summative (comprehensive) computer exam similar to the National Registry Exam for Paramedics. (This is used to evaluate the student’s readiness for the NREMT exam).

Additional testing practice is provided after graduation if the student wishes.

- b. Requirements for the Paramedic **Degree**:
 - i. 8 semester credit hours of Anatomy and Physiology with labs with a minimum grade of “C” in both lectures and labs.
 - ii. Completion of all paramedic classes with an average of at least 80% “C” in each class
 - iii. Completion of all semester and summative cognitive, psychomotor, and affective evaluations by the medical director and program director
 - iv. Completion of all laboratory, clinical, and field requirements
 - v. Completion of one summative (comprehensive) computer exam similar to the National Registry Exam for Paramedics. (This is used to evaluate the student’s readiness for the NREMT exam).

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- vi. Completion of any **general education** courses to include:
 1. Oral Communications 3sch
 2. Written Communications Elective 3 sch
 3. Math/Science Elective** (A & P II satisfies this) 4 sch
 4. Fine Arts/Humanities Elective 3 sch
 5. Social/Behavioral Science Elective 3sch

Application Procedure

1. Completed Paramedic Program application (Included)
2. Obtain an *official* copy of all transcripts from each college or university attended. (The student should request 2 official copies of transcripts from each college/university attended, one to be sent to the student directly and the other to be submitted with the application. **To be official, transcripts must remain sealed in the original envelope.**)
3. CCC transcripts? Go to CCC’s Admission Office and request that an official CCC transcript be sent to the Paramedic Program either by sealed envelope or by *E-Script*.
4. Obtain official ACT (American College Test) scores
5. Obtain an official high school transcript or GED
6. Sign and have witnessed the criminal background check information form
7. Sign and have witnessed the drug policy understanding
8. **Sign and return the acknowledgment form with your completed application**

****INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED****

For All Students Requesting **Readmission** (to the CCC Paramedic Program)- A letter that includes the following:

- request for readmission
- semester requested
- reason(s) program was not completed
- action plan for success

*NOTE: We do not offer advanced placement to paramedic students from *other programs* at this time. In addition, we do not give college credit for life experience.*

Submit the complete application packet to:

*Coahoma Community College- Division of Health Sciences
Department of Emergency Medical Technology **PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**
Attention: Administrative Assistant
917 Ohio St.
Clarksdale, MS, 38614*

Submission may be by US mail or in person. Scanned applications and facsimiles are not accepted.

Notification of Acceptance/Non-acceptance

Applicants will be notified of *acceptance or non-acceptance* for the next spring class by **November of each year, with a start date in January.

Post Acceptance Requirements

Once applications are reviewed and it is determined that a student is accepted into the Paramedic Program, the following will be required at the **student's own expense** and are due, no later than the first week **before the first class:**

1. Physical examination according to the form included with the application.
2. Evidence of vaccine or proof of titer for Hepatitis B and Varicella and current Tetanus and Tuberculosis (TB) vaccines.
3. CPR certification for health care providers current for 2 years. This must be maintained until graduation.
4. Copy of NREMT and state EMT credentials
5. Federal and state criminal background check

This information becomes part of the student's file and is needed before clinical and field rotations begin. Students will not be able to start classes if the above requirements are not met.

Other Important Information:

1. Student malpractice insurance is obtained through the school and is calculated in as part of tuition.
2. Each student is responsible for their own transportation which includes access to a dependable car, a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance as required by law.
3. Travel to clinical and field facilities for required experiences is the responsibility of the student.
4. Clinical/field hours may be scheduled on the day, evening, or weekend shifts with varying hours that may vary from 8 to 24 depending on the clinical or field requirements.
5. Students must have access to the internet, a computer, e-mail, and a working telephone number.

**COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

Coahoma Community College complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, handicap, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Student's
Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (County)

Mailing
Address _____

Telephone Number(s)

(Home) (Work) (Cell)

E-mail Address _____ U. S. Citizen?
Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been admitted to CCC? YES _____ NO _____
If yes, When _____
If yes, under what name? _____

Admitted to any other Paramedic program?
YES _____ NO _____
When _____
Where _____
Reason for non-
completion _____

PRIOR EDUCATION:

High School graduation date _____ High School GPA _____
GED _____
College Degrees
earned _____

Last college attended _____

Are you currently enrolled in college courses? YES ___ NO ___
If Yes, expected completion date _____

ACT score (composite) _____

Courses presently enrolled in _____

Will you receive a loan or scholarship to assist with your education? YES ___ NO ___
If yes, describe _____

Do you plan to work while you are in the program? YES ___ NO ___
Agency _____ Phone _____
Hours/week _____

Have you ever been convicted of, plead no contest to, or are charges pending against you for a felony or misdemeanor in any state? (Includes moving vehicle violations) YES ___ NO ___
If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or plead guilty to, or plead no contest to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, or sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, the gratification of lust or aggravated assault, or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult? YES ___ NO ___
If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been disciplined by any state or federal regulatory agency or national certifying agency? YES ___ NO ___
If yes, provide details _____

All applicants should be advised of the following:

1. Any statement made on this application that is false and known to be false by the applicant at the time of making such statement, shall be deemed fraudulent and subject the applicant to disciplinary proceedings.
2. Admission to the Associate Degree Paramedic Program may be denied based on the results of the criminal background check.

I certify that the information on this application is true and accurate.

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Mailing Address:
917 Ohio Street
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Physical Location:
917 Ohio Street
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Telephone:
(662)621-4159/(662)621-4041

Website Address:
www.coahomacc.edu

Type of Program:

- Associate Degree Paramedic Program
- Certificate of Completion Paramedic Program

Length of Time:

- Up to 2 academic years

Credits required for graduation:

- 66 hours for the degree (A & P I and II included, general education courses included)
- 55 hours for the certificate (A & P I and II included)

Degree or Certificate awarded:

- Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS)
- Certificate of Completion in Paramedic Studies

Estimated Costs/Fees:

The cost/fees include tuition/related fees and the paramedic program costs. They include but are not limited to:

- Textbooks or other online material
- Standardized testing/remediation software
- Uniforms, laboratory supplies
- Professional development, graduation, etc. as appropriate for each semester.

Fees are *estimates* of program costs and are subject to change.

Year 1

Spring- \$3,248.00

Summer \$1,858.00

Year 2

Fall \$2,318.00

*Spring (degree) \$ 1,665.00

For the most accurate fee schedule please call the administrative assistant at (662) 621-4159 or refer to the Coahoma CC web page under Health Sciences/ Paramedic Program

www.coahomacc.edu

****OUT-OF-STATE TUITION IS NOT REFLECTED ON THIS ADMISSIONS APPLICATION AND MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
BACKGROUND INFORMATION SIGNATURE FORM

All students who will be providing direct patient care in healthcare institutions regulated by the MS Department of Health should be aware that Mississippi law requires background checks for individuals seeking employment in a healthcare facility.

According to the Mississippi State Law, an individual may not be eligible for employment if the criminal history record check discloses a felony conviction, guilty plea, or plea of no contest to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, the gratification of lust or aggravated assault, or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult that has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted.

Each student must submit a criminal background clinical clearance letter by August 10th. If a student does not receive a letter of clinical clearance following fingerprinting, they should make an appointment with the designated representative from the hospital Human Resource Department where fingerprinted and take all criminal background documentation to the meeting.

A clinical clearance letter must be provided to the Associate Degree Paramedic Program for a student to be able to meet the clinical agency practice requirements of the program.

I, _____ have read and understand the above information regarding the Mississippi State Law requiring background checks for individuals providing direct patient care in health care institutions regulated by the MS Department of Health.

Signature of Student

Signature of Witness

Date of Signature

***Return this completed form with your application information.**

**Coahoma Community College
Health Sciences Division
Physical Examination**

Name _____

Allergies _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Weight _____ B/P _____ Pulse _____

Respiration _____

No.	System	Normal	Abnormal	Describe Abnormality
1.	Skin			
2.	Lymphatic			
3.	Eyes/Ears			
4.	Nose /throat			
5.	Chest/ Breast/ Lungs			
6.	Heart rate/Rhythm			
7.	Abdomen/ Liver			
8.	Kidneys/ Spleen			
9.	Extremities			
10.	Back/ Spine			
11.	Joints			
12.	Neurological			
13.	Psychological			

History of emotional, psychological, or psychiatric disturbance ___Yes ___No.

History of alcohol or abuse problem ___Yes ___No.

The following abnormalities should be noted:

Signature of Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant

Date

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Allied Sciences Division

Program Physical Performance Standards

In order to successfully complete the allied health program, an applicant/student must be able to do the following:

1. **Exhibit physical ability sufficient to assist patients to meet health care needs in a variety of settings, including moving from room to room maneuvering in small spaces, and negotiating stairwells when necessary.**

Examples

- physical mobility and strength sufficient to propel wheelchairs, stretchers, etc. through doorways and close-fitting areas alone or with assistance
- stand, and walk up to 75% of 12 to 24-hour shifts
- stoop, bend, squat, and reach overhead as required to reach equipment and provide advanced life support/paramedic care
- lift a minimum of 20 pounds of weight
- transfer/position up to 300 pounds with assistance while lifting, positioning and transferring patients
- perform CPR satisfactorily and respond quickly in an emergency situation

2. **Demonstrate gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.**

Examples

- demonstrate physical dexterity and coordination in the delivery of care, treatment, and medications
- hold skin taut with one hand while inserting a needle in the skin or vein with the other hand and perform other procedures requiring the use of 2 hands
- pick up, grasp, and effectively manipulate small objects such as dials, syringes, switches
- calibrate and use equipment
- maintain sterile technique when performing sterile procedures

3. **Display auditory, visual, and tactile ability sufficient to safely assess and care for clients.**

Examples: (continued next page)

- hear monitors, alarms, emergency signals, lung/heart sounds, bowel sounds, cries for help, telephone, intercom interactions, and public address systems (codes)
- perceive and receive verbal communications from patients, families, and health team members

- read written words and information on paper and computer screens, small print, gauges, measuring cups, syringes, and other equipment
- discriminate colors: changes in color, size, and continuity of body parts
- discriminate alterations in normal body activities such as breathing patterns and level of consciousness
- observe hazards in the environment (water spills, safety rails, restraints) and harmful situations
- perform physical assessment: palpate pulses, feel for heat or cold, tap body surfaces

PLEASE CHECK:

_____ The applicant does not require special accommodations to meet the performance standards.

_____ The applicant will need the following accommodations to meet performance standards.

Please list and describe the assistance needed:

Signature of Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant

Date

APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM- Paramedic Program:

I _____ agree to fulfill the application requirements
(Name of Applicant)

as follows:

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I further understand that my failure to complete these requirements means that I will not be considered for admission into the Paramedic Program.

I will return this page with my application packet documenting my understanding of these requirements.

Signed _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

>OFFICE USE ONLY<

Received By: _____

Date _____