

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Application & Admission Procedure

General Information

The application submission period for the Paramedic Program closes **October 13, 2023**.

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

Application to Coahoma Community College

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

Go to:

<http://www.coahomacc.edu/Assets/uploads/files/admissions/Application%20for%20Admission.pdf>

for the college application form(s).

The requirements for both general and program-specific admission are:

1. A completed CCC application
2. High school or GED transcript is required.
3. A minimum ACT composite score of 16 or higher.
4. Academic transcript of all colleges attended.
5. Social security card and immunization record.
6. A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.0 is required.
7. Anatomy & Physiology I with a grade of “C” or better is required.
8. Be a nationally registered EMT upon admission and become Mississippi certified upon acceptance to the Program.
9. Pass an NREMT basic knowledge exam and skills assessment test with a grade of 80% and complete a professional (affective) self-evaluation.
10. Pass a state and federal criminal background check.

Pre-Admission Requirements for Paramedic Program

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

Required Pre-Requisites:

- Nationally Registered Mississippi EMT 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 7 years**, the student is required to repeat Anatomy and Physiology coursework.

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**:
- Eight semester credit hours of Anatomy and Physiology with labs with a minimum grade of “C” in both.
 - Completion of all paramedic classes with an average of at least 80% C in each class
 - Completion of all semester and summative cognitive, psychomotor and affective evaluations by medical director and program director
 - Completion of all laboratory, clinical and field requirements
 - Completion of one summative (comprehensive) computer exam similar to the National Registry Exam for Paramedic. (This is used to evaluate the student’s readiness for the NREMT exam).
- b. Requirements for the **Paramedic Degree**:
- Eight semester credit hours of Anatomy and Physiology with labs with a minimum grade of “C” in both lectures and labs.
 - Completion of all paramedic classes with an average of at least 80% “C” in each class
 - Completion of all semester and summative cognitive, psychomotor and affective evaluations by medical director and program director
 - Completion of all laboratory, clinical and field requirements
 - Completion of one summative (comprehensive) computer exam similar to the National Registry Exam for Paramedic. (This is used to evaluate the student’s readiness for the NREMT exam).
 - Completion of any **general education** courses to include:
 - Oral Communications 3 sch
 - Written Communications Elective 3 sch
 - Math/Science Elective** (A & P II satisfies this) 4 sch
 - Fine Arts/Humanities Elective 3 sch
 - Social/Behavioral Science Elective 3 sch

Application Process

The following documents must be submitted to the Paramedic Program by November 10, 2023, for an applicant to be considered for admission:

- Completed Paramedic Program application
- An official** copy of college or university transcripts from each institution attended. (**Request two (2) official copies of transcripts from each college/university attended to be sent to the student directly and then submitted with the application. To be official, transcripts must remain sealed in the original envelope.**)
- CCC transcripts;** Go to CCC’s Registrar’s Office and request that an official sealed or by *E-Script* be sent to the Paramedic Program.
- Official ACT (American College Test) scores.
- Official sealed high school or GED transcript.
- Sign/witnessed drug policy understanding.
- Sign/witnessed criminal background check information form.
- Signed physician examination form, which is included with application.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

For All Students Requesting **Readmission** (to the CCC Paramedic Program) - A letter, which 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.

Notification of Acceptance/Non-acceptance

Applicants will be notified of ***acceptance or non-acceptance*** by email or mail for the next class term by October 31, **2023, for January 2024-class term.**

If a letter of acceptance is received, the recipient should respond within one (1) week **in writing** using the Confirmation of Acceptance form included with the letter. Not confirming acceptance within a week can result in the admission slot being given to another applicant.

Post Admittance Requirements

Once accepted into the Paramedic Program, the following will be required at the **student's own expense**. All requirements must be met before clinical and field rotations begin.

1. Physical examination form, which is included with the application.
2. Evidence of vaccine(s) or proof of titer for Hepatitis B, Varicella, current Tetanus and Tuberculosis (TB) vaccines (**student's responsibility**).
3. Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) certification for healthcare providers. This must be maintained until graduation (**arranged by the school**).
4. Criminal background check clinical clearance letter (**arranged by the school**).
5. Copy of NREMT and state EMT credentials.

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, including access to a dependable car, a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance as required by state and local law.
3. Travel to clinical facilities for required experiences is the responsibility of the student.
4. Clinical hours may be scheduled on day, evening or weekend shifts. Hours 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 is an equal opportunity institution in accordance with civil rights and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other factors prohibited by law in any of its educational programs, activities, and employment opportunities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Taneshia Turner, Director of Human Resources/Coordinator for 504/ADA, Title IX Compliance Officer, Office #A100, Vivian M. Presley Administration Building, 3240 Friars Point Road, Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614, Phone: (662) 621-4853, Email: tyoung@coahomacc.edu

I am applying to the Paramedic Program. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!**

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) (Cell) (Work)

E-mail Address _____ U. S. Citizen? Yes____ No____

Have you ever been admitted to CCC? Yes ____ No ____ When_____

If yes, under what name? _____

Applied/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 _____ Hours/week _____

Have you ever been convicted of, plead guilty to, or 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, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, 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, which 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.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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DRUG ABUSE POLICY

It is the goal of Coahoma Community College to maintain an environment that is free from the effects of intoxicants or other behavior affecting substances. It is the college's belief that a drug free environment is to the benefit of students and employees of Coahoma Community College as well as the surrounding community.

Once admitted to the associate degree Paramedic program, unannounced and/or random drug screens may be done. In addition, if a student exhibits any sensory symptoms or behavior indicative of being under the influence of mind-altering substances, a drug screen will be required immediately. Refusal to be tested will result in program dismissal.

All students must have evidence of a negative drug screen when tested.

I, _____, have read and understand the substance use policy of Coahoma Community College. I grant permission for drug and alcohol testing of myself and acknowledge consent by this signature affixed hereto. I grant permission for the laboratory facility to release lab results to Coahoma Community College.

I understand that I am responsible for providing written documentation from my physician regarding controlled substances that I am taking that could be positively identified in a drug profile.

Student Signature

Date

Witness

Date

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

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION SIGNATURE FORM

All students who will be providing direct patient care in health care institutions regulated by the MS Department of Health should be aware that Mississippi law requires background checks for individuals seeking employment in a health care 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, 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 September 2, 2023. If a student does not receive a letter of clinical clearance following fingerprinting, they should make an appointment with the Program Director 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.**

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Health Sciences Division
Physical Examination
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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

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

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Health Sciences Division

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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, to maneuver in small spaces, and to negotiate 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, walk up to 75% of 12 to 24 hour shifts
- stoop, bend, squat, 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 delivery of care, treatment, and medications
- hold skin taut with one hand while inserting needle in skin or vein with 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, and 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 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

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

COURSE CURRICULUM

*NOTE- Both semesters of Human Anatomy & Physiology may be taken with Paramedic courses. However, the course load is very demanding. It is best practice to complete at least A & P I prior to matriculation into the Paramedic program, then complete A & P II as a co-requisite.

Certificate or Associate Degree Paramedic Program

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----|---|------------------------------------|----------|
| Prerequisites A & P I with lab | | Hours | 4 | Sophomore Year | | |
| Freshman Year | | | | Fall Semester | | |
| Spring Semester | | | | | | |
| EMS 1133 | Foundations of Paramedicine | 3 | | EMS 2934 | Paramedic Capstone | 4 |
| EMS 1213 | Concepts of Airway and Resp Medicine | 3 | | EMS 2566 | Clinical III | 6 |
| EMS 1325 | Concepts of Cardio Medicine | 5 | | EMS 1713 | Neurological Medicine | 3 |
| EMS 1514 | Clinical I | 4 | | EMS 2314 | Medical/2 nd Assessment | 4 |
| EMS 2912 | EMS Operations | <u>2</u> | | BIO 2523 | Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture | 3 |
| | | 17 | | BIO 2521 | Anatomy & Physiology II Lab | <u>1</u> |
| | | | | | | 21 |
| Summer Semesters | | | | Spring Semester (for degree-seeking) | | |
| EMS 2715 | Trauma Patients | 4 | | Oral Communications | | 3 |
| EMS 1913 | Advanced EMT | 3 | | Social/ Behavioral Science Elective | | 3 |
| EMS 1525 | Clinical II | <u>5</u> | | Fine Arts/ Humanities Elective | | 3 |
| | | 13 | | **Math/ Science Elective** | | 4 |
| | | | | Written Communications Elective | | <u>3</u> |
| | | | | | | 16 |
| Total Required Hours | | | 33 | Total Required Hours | | 37 |

Pre-requisites:

BIO 2513 Anatomy & Physiology I

BIO 2511 Anatomy & Physiology Lab I

Co-requisites:

BIO 2523 Anatomy & Physiology II

BIO 2521 Anatomy & Physiology Lab II

*** A & P II satisfies the Math/ Science elective for the general education requirements to earn the Associate degree****

**** At least A & P II must be taken to graduate, even if a degree is not desired. ****

**COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

Mailing Address:

Coahoma Community College
3240 Friars Point Road
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614
Telephone: (662) 621-4159
(662) 621-4041

Physical Location:

Coahoma Community College
Rena Butler Health Sciences Annex
917 Ohio Street
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Website Address: <http://www.coahomacc.edu/programs/health-sciences/paramedic/programs.html>

Type of Program:

- Associate Degree Paramedic Program
- Certificate of Completion Paramedic Program

Length of Time:

- Up to 1 1/2 academic years

Credits required for graduation:

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