

**COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND/OR TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE**

Application & Admission Procedure

General Information

The application submission period for the Paramedic Program is **August 3rd to October 1st**.

Contact the Paramedic Department at (662)-621-4041 or (662)-621-4159 for clarification or questions regarding the application.

Application to Coahoma Community College:

Pre-Admission Requirements for the Paramedic Program include:

All requirements for general admission to the college must be met. **The four requirements** for general admission are a completed CCC application, an official high school transcript, an ACT composite score of 16 or higher, and a Social Security card. An application to Coahoma Community College **must be completed online or updated before** applying to the Paramedic Program. **For the online application, go to: [CCC Online Admissions Application](#)**

Required Prerequisites:

1. A cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required.
2. ACT composite score of 16 or higher.
3. NREMT certification.
4. Mississippi-licensed EMT
5. Pass an NREMT basic knowledge exam and skills assessment test with a grade of 80% and complete a professional (affective) self-evaluation.

Graduation Requirements

a. Requirements for the Paramedic Certificate:

- i. Completion of all paramedic classes with an average of at least 80% C in each class
- ii. Completion of all semester and summative cognitive, psychomotor, and affective evaluations by the medical director and program director
- iii. Completion of all laboratory, clinical, and field requirements
- iv. 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:

- i. Eight 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 Paramedic. (This is used to evaluate the student's readiness for the NREMT exam).
- vi. Completion of any **general education** courses to include:
 1. Oral Communications 3 sch
 2. Written Communications Elective 3 sch
 3. Math/Science Elective** (A & P I & II) 8 sch
 4. Fine Arts/Humanities Elective 3 sch
 5. Social/Behavioral Science Elective 3 sch

Application Process

1. Completed CCC Paramedic Program application (Incomplete application will not be considered for admission).
2. **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.**
3. **CCC transcripts:** go to Coahoma's Registrar's Office and request that an official sealed transcript be sent to the Paramedic Program.
4. Official ACT (American College Test) scores.
5. Official sealed high school or GED transcript.

Notification of Acceptance/Non-acceptance

Letters of acceptance or non-acceptance will be emailed.

Post Admittance Requirements

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

1. Physical examination form is included in the admission packet must be completed which includes if a student requires accommodations for any disabilities.
2. Documentation of all vaccines and immunizations previously listed. Applicant's files are incomplete without required clinical documentation and will not be considered for admission to the program.
3. Physical examination form, which is included with the application.
4. Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) certification for healthcare providers.
5. Criminal background check clinical clearance letter – (arranged by CCC).
6. Copy of NREMT and state EMT credentials.

Other Important Information:

1. Student malpractice and accident insurance are obtained through the school and charged to the student after the fall semester begins.
2. Student is responsible for cost of Criminal Background check and drug screen which will be administered by the college.
3. Each student is responsible for their own transportation, which includes access to a dependable car at their own expense, a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance as requested by law.
4. Travel to clinical facilities in adjacent counties for required clinical experiences is the responsibility of the student.

5. Clinical hours may be scheduled on day, evening or weekend shifts. Hours may vary from 8 to 24 depending on clinical or field requirements.
6. Students must have access to the internet, a computer, e-mail and a working telephone number.

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Check one: ☐ ASSOCIATE DEGREE **or** ☐ TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

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 Winston, 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: tyoun@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)

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

Mailing
Address _____

Telephone
Number(s) _____
Cell) (Home) (Work)

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

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

If yes, when? _____ Under what name? _____ CCC ID# _____

PRIOR EDUCATION:

High School graduation date _____ High School GPA _____ GED _____

College Degrees earned _____

Last college attended _____

Are you currently enrolled in college courses? _____ If yes, expected completion date _____

Courses presently enrolled in _____

ACT score (composite) _____

Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty to, or no contest to (nolo contendere), 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 pled guilty to, or no contest to (nolo contendere) a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (h), 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 subjects the applicant to disciplinary proceedings.
2. Admission to the Health Science 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

Will you receive a loan or scholarship to assist with your education? _____YES _____NO

If yes, explain: _____

Do you plan to work while you are in the program? _____ YES _____NO

If yes, Agency_____

Hours/week_____

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 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 student 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 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

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 nolo contendere 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.

If a student does not receive a letter of clinical clearance following fingerprinting, the CCC Health Science Review Committee will determine clinical clearance according to the Student Background Policy as stated in the CCC Student Handbook for Health Science Programs: [Health Sciences Student Handbook 2026](#)

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

Date

**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

Pregnant ____Yes ____ No; if yes, expected due date _____

History of alcohol or abuse problem ____Yes ____No

The following abnormalities should be noted:

Signature of Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant

Date

Health Science Performance Standards for Admission and Progression

The following performance standards provide descriptions of basic cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor requirements for successful program completion. In order to successfully complete the program, an applicant/student must be able to do the following:

Physical Standards:

- Lift/carry, push/pull objects such as equipment weighing up to 40 lbs.
- Transfer/position up to 300 lbs. with assistance while lifting, positioning, and transferring clients.
- Stand/walk for prolonged periods (up to 75% of 6 to 12-hour shifts) of time with occasional sitting.
- Aid individuals with activities of daily living.
- Physical mobility and strength sufficient to propel wheelchairs, stretchers, etc. through doorways and close-fitting areas.
- Perform CPR satisfactorily and respond quickly in an emergency situation.
- Bend and twist frequently at the waist.
- Kneel, stoop, and crouch occasionally when performing tasks.
- Manual and finger dexterity sufficient to manipulate patients and equipment; handle small and large equipment for storing, retrieving, and moving; manipulate knobs and dials; and assemble, disassemble, correct malfunctions, perform maintenance and evaluate various pieces of medical equipment.
- Extend arms downward, outward, or upward.
- Auditory ability sufficient to hear verbal instructions, hear heart and breath sounds with a stethoscope, hear gas flow through equipment, and perceived warning signals.
- Visual acuity sufficient to read typed, handwritten, or computer information; see patient conditions such as skin color and work or breathing/ and accurately read gauges, dial settings, and digital and analog displays and recognize biohazardous fluids.
- Physical tolerance to a clinical environment that may include noisy conditions, crowded conditions, stressful situations, sterile surroundings, exposure to blood-borne pathogens, secretions, bodily fluids, and exposure to chemicals/solvents.

Cognitive and Behavioral Standards:

- Calculate, analyze, interpret, and record numbers and physical data accurately from observation, charts, and computer information systems.
- Apply theory to clinical practice, maintaining competence under challenging and sometimes stressful situations.
- Communicate effectively, utilizing written and spoken English when interacting with patients, their families, and other healthcare professionals.
- Interact professionally and effectively with patients, families, and co-workers as a health care team member.

- Carry out orders accurately and in a timely manner.
- Function safely, effectively, and calmly under stressful situations.
- Prioritize effectively and maintain composure while managing multiple tasks.
- Accepts and apply constructive feedback.
- Maintain a positive and constructive manner with peers, co-workers, preceptors, and instructors

Persons with Disabilities:

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply for admission and/or matriculation in the program. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, accommodations for students with disabilities will be considered at the student's request. The student will be required to register with Taneshia Winston, Director of Employee Services/Coordinator for 504/ADA, Title IX Compliance Officer, and provide documentation of disability, requested accommodations will be considered. Accommodations for the classroom, laboratory, or clinical setting will be considered according to reasonableness. Accommodations that compromise patient care, or that fundamentally alter the nature of the program or activity, are not considered to be reasonable. A student denied accommodation may request an individualized determination to assure that the denial is not a result of disability discrimination.

For additional information, please contact Taneshia Winston, 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: twinston@coahomacc.edu.

PLEASE CHECK:

_____ I do not require special accommodations to meet the performance standards.

_____ I will need the following accommodations to meet performance standards.

Please list

I understand the requirements and feel that I can achieve the performance standards described for the program.

Student Signature

Date

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			
Freshman Year		Sophomore Year	
Spring Semester		Fall Semester	
EMS 1133 Fundamentals of EMS	3	EMS 2314 Medical Emergencies	4
EMS 1213 Concepts of Airway/Resp. Medicine	3	EMS 2934 Practicum Capstone	4
EMS 1325 Concepts of Cardio Medicine	5	EMS 2566 Practicum III	6
EMS 2912 EMS Operations	2	EMS 1713 Neurological Medicine	<u>3</u>
EMS 1514 Practicum I	<u>4</u>		17
	17		
Summer Semester		(for degree-seeking)	
EMS 2715 Concepts Trauma Patients	5	Humanities/ Fine Arts	3
EMS 2314 Medical Emergencies	4	Social/ Behavioral Sciences	3
EMS 1913 Fundamentals of AEMT	3	Math/ Science*	3
EMS 1525 Practicum Clinical II	<u>5</u>	Written Communication	3
	14	Oral Communications	<u>3</u>
			15
Total Required Hours		Total Required Hours	
31		32	
Co-requisites: BIO 2513 Anatomy & Physiology I BIO 2511 Anatomy & Physiology Lab I BIO 2523 Anatomy & Physiology II BIO 2521 Anatomy & Physiology Lab II			
A & P II satisfies the <i>Math/ Science elective</i> for the general education requirements to earn the Associate degree			

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Mailing Address:

Coahoma Community College
3240 Friars Point Road
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614
Telephone: (662) 621-4041
(662) 621-4049

Physical Location:

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

Website Address: <http://www.coahomacc.edu/programs/healthsciences/paramedic/programs.html>

Type of Program:

- Associate Degree Paramedic Program
- Certificate of Completion Paramedic Program

Length of Time:

- Certificate – 11 months
- Associate Degree – 2 years

Credits required for graduation:

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

Certificate or Degree awarded:

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

Estimated Costs/Fees:

Please refer to the Student Cost for current institutional 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.