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PARAMEDIC PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System provides medical care to community members who are sick or injured. The goal of the ARC program is to prepare individuals to render pre-hospital advanced life support within an organized EMS system.

Paramedics respond to emergencies in the pre-hospital setting and render basic and advanced medical treatment before and during transport. In addition to the certification program, students have the option of taking courses, which will lead to the Associate in Science Paramedicine degree.

Minimum Expectations Goal Statement

"To prepare Paramedics who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains to enter the profession."

The American River College Paramedic Program is ultimately designed:

The **full-time** program begins each spring semester. The Paramedic program also offers paramedic academies that have unique and varied schedules. Please check the American River College schedule for the most up-to-date listing of our paramedic offerings. Generally, each course and requires students to meet on campus at least two days a week (approximately 8 hours per day). **The full-time program is approximately an 11-month program.**

Startup program costs are approximately \$2,500.00. The student is responsible for purchasing uniforms, laboratory fees, malpractice insurance, necessary equipment, and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. All costs/fees are subject to change. The program strongly encourages each student to contact and communicate with the Financial Aid office to determine their eligibility for a variety of grants, loans, and other financial opportunities.

The American River College Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs 1361 Park Street Clearwater, FL 33756 (727) 210-2350 www.caahep.org

APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

Currently, the paramedic program admits students once per year. Application for the spring cohort is now available at: <https://arc.losrios.edu/academics/programs-and-majors/paramedic>

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT TO THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

1. Graduation from an accredited high school in the United States, or successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) exam, or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) prior to time of application:
 - a) Students with a high school diploma from a school outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) approved independent agency. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.
 - b) Students who possess an Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree or higher from an accredited college are exempt from the educational requirement stated above.
 - c) Students who have attended college outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a NACES-approved independent agency, demonstrating an AA/AS degree or higher. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.

2. Current certification as an EMT-Basic and approximately one year of verified recent and/or appropriate EMS experience (**approximately 200 patient contacts**). Questions related to EMS experience must be directed to Dr. Grant Goold, Program Coordinator, at (916) 484-8843. The program admissions committee will assess experience and/or equivalency.
3. Applicants lacking sufficient experience or patient contacts may still be considered if able to submit a signed Employer Engagement Form (EEF). The EEF is available at the same location as the program application. Questions related to EMS experience must be directed to Dr. Grant Goold, Program Coordinator, at **(916) 484-8843**. The program admissions committee will assess experience and/or equivalency.
4. **Applicants** are strongly encouraged to meet with an ARC counselor to review all collected documentation and confirmation of all eligibility requirements. Call (916) 484-8572 for an appointment. If unable to make an appointment with an academic counselor, please contact the staff at the Paramedic Program [Health and Education Homebase](#) (916) 484-8577. Homebase staff will also confirm your application completion, and supporting documentation and answer any questions you may have.

APPLICATION AVAILABILITY & DEADLINE /ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

Applications are available in September for the following year cohort.: You may download the application from the Paramedic program website at: <https://arc.losrios.edu/academics/programs-and-majors/paramedic> or you can get a hardcopy from the Health and Education Division Office in HEED 770.

Application Deadline: First Friday of December before 4:00 p.m. – Submit all required paperwork to the Health and [Education Division Office](#) during normal business hours. In-person submission or mailed application must be received by the due date and time as stated on the application form. The Paramedic department is not responsible for application lost in the mail, nor if it arrives after the due date.

If more qualified students apply than clinical and field slots are available for the year, selection may then be based on a computerized random selection process from among the qualified applicants. Only applicants who meet the education and pre-enrollment requirements and follow the pre-enrollment procedures will be considered for the program. Incomplete applications will not be considered for program acceptance and will not be returned. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Acceptance into the program occurs within 14 days after the application deadline.

Once accepted to the Paramedic Program, students, **at their own expense**, must provide the following before completion of **PMED 115**. Failure to comply will result in no progression to **PMED 121**.

1. Health History & Report of Medical Examination with required inoculations
2. Drug screening test
3. BLS Healthcare Provider from the American Heart Association
4. Proof of malpractice insurance (**malpractice insurance is not refundable**)
5. Background check (required by clinical facilities)
6. Validation of completed patient contacts (Employer engagement students only)