

Chattanooga State



Emergency Medical
Services: EMT-IV and
Paramedic Programs | **Your Guide**

EMS Training Programs

**Important information:
Emergency Medical Services Program at Chattanooga State**

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All forms and important information can be found on these Web sites:

N/AH Web site: http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health

EMS Web sites: http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health/ems

Goals

EMT-IVs and Paramedics are health care professionals who possess special knowledge and advanced skills in pre-hospital emergency medicine. They are the eyes, ears and hands of the physician at the hospital, and as such, they render basic and advanced life support to patients at the scene of their injuries or illness and continue this while transporting these patients to the hospital. At all times, EMTs/EMT-IVs and Paramedics are in radio contact with the physician at the hospital. EMTs/EMT-IVs and Paramedics are part of the rapidly expanding branch of the health care profession known as EMS (Emergency Medical Services).

Both the EMT-IV and the Paramedic courses are offered in the fall semester every year. The day and night section are offered with two class sessions per week.

Paramedic Program Accreditation

The Paramedic Program at Chattanooga State is approved by the Committee of Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (COAEMSP). The ACC standards are established by American College of Emergency Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions - CoAEMSP, 1248 Harwood Rd., Bedford, TX 76021-4244. (1-817-283-9403).

EMT-IV Definition

EMT-IVs are health care professionals who possess special knowledge and skills in pre-hospital emergency medicine. They are the eyes, ears and hands of the physician at the hospital, and as such, they render basic life support to patients at the scene of their injuries or illness and continue this while transporting them to the hospital. At all times, EMT-IVs are in radio contact with the physician at the hospital. EMT-IVs are part of the rapidly expanding branch of the health care profession known as EMS (Emergency Medical Services).

EMT-IV Length of Training

EMT-IV training is a combination of classroom instruction (lectures and hands-on practical skills) plus ambulance clinical experience. Actual classroom time is approximately 240 clock hours with an additional 72-120 clock hours of clinical experience. Classes meet two days per week for four hours each class session. Both day and evening classes are offered.

Attendance is extremely important. Three absences are permitted per semester, regardless of reason.

Upon successful completion of the course, students are eligible to sit for the National Registry/State of Tennessee EMT-Basic written and practical examinations.

EMT-IV Course Curriculum

The EMT-IV Training Program follows the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) curriculum. Additional materials and skills required by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment and Division of Emergency Medical Services are included.

Summary of Required Hours

The EMT-IV Program minimum grade of “C” is required for all courses in the “Summary of Required Hours.”

Semester Hours

Course No.	Course Title	FALL	SPR	SU
EA 106, 116	Emergency Medical Technician I, II	8	8	

Total Hours: 16

EMT-IV Application Procedures

1. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and possess a high school diploma or a GED.
2. Submit all applications and documentation required to the EMS Training Program.
 - Application for admission to the college plus a non-refundable application fee if applicant is a first-time student (fee waived for returning students).
 - Allied Health Application indicating a desire to take EMT-IV training.
 - Two official copies of the high school transcript or GED scores to be in sealed envelopes submitted with the other applications (one for EMS program and one for Admissions Office).

Note to applicants: EMT-IV applicants are selected on a first come-first serve basis. It is your responsibility to complete the Chattanooga State admissions process in order to get registered for an EMT spot.

EMT-IV Course Completion Requirements

Students must maintain satisfactory attendance with no more than three absences per semester. An overall average of 75% must be maintained on written examinations and practical skills. Clinical rotations are PASS/FAIL. Successful venipunctures must be obtained during clinical rotations for IV component.

Paramedic Definition

Paramedics are health care professionals who possess special knowledge and advanced skills in pre-hospital emergency medicine. They are the eyes, ears, and hands of the physician at the hospital, and as such, they render basic and advanced life support to patients at the scene of their injuries or illness and continue this while transporting these patients to the hospital. At all times, Paramedics are in radio contact with the physician at the hospital. Paramedics are part of the rapidly expanding branch of the health care profession known as EMS (Emergency Medical Services).

Paramedic Length of Training

Paramedic training is a combination of classroom instruction (lectures and hands-on practical skills) plus numerous areas of clinical experience. Actual classroom time is approximately 700 clock hours with an additional 600-800 clock hours of clinical experience. Classes meet two days per week. Occasional mandatory days will occur throughout the three semester (12 month) course of instruction.

Day and evening sections are offered in the fall semester every year. The class meets two day/evenings per week.

Attendance is extremely important. Three absences are permitted per semester, regardless of reason.

Upon successful completion of the course, students are eligible to sit for the National Registry/State of Tennessee Paramedic written and practical examinations.

Paramedic Course Curriculum

Students who complete the Paramedic Training program may receive 25 hours of Advanced Placement credit toward the completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree in either the Health Services concentration under the Management major or the Emergency Medical Care concentration under the Emergency Services Technology major.

Summary of Required Hours

The Paramedic Program minimum grade of “75%” is required for all courses in the “Summary of Required Hours.”

Semester Hours

Course No.	Course Title	FALL	SPR	SU
EA 226,27,28	Paramedic Theories I, II, III	14	14	7
EA 240,41,42	Clinical Practice I, II, III	2	3	4
		<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>

Total Hours: 44

Paramedic Application Procedures

1. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and possess a high school diploma or a GED.
2. Applicants must already be licensed as EMT-Basic or eligible for licensure in the state of Tennessee.
3. Submit all applications and documentation required to the Paramedic Program by April 30 for priority consideration.
 - Application for admission to the college plus a non-refundable fee if applicant is a first time student (fee waived for returning students).
 - Allied Health Application indicating the desire to take Paramedic training.
 - Two official copies of high school transcript or GED scores to be in sealed envelopes submitted with the other applications (one for EMS program and one for Admissions Office).

- Students are required to take college placement tests and must contact the program director for advising at (423) 493-8765.
- Entrance eligibility testing required:
 - a. EMT-Basic/written test, must score 70% or higher
 - b. Psychological Profile Examination
 - c. Appearance before an interview committee
 - d. Physical Agility & Practical Skills test

Note: The number of years work experience as an EMT is also considered.

4. Students will be selected for the program based on the EMT written exam and interview portions of the eligibility testing.

Paramedic Course Completion Requirements

Students must maintain satisfactory attendance with no more than three absences per semester. An overall average of 75% must be maintained on written examinations and demonstrated competency of all practical skills. Clinical rotations are PASS/FAIL.

The Paramedic Training Program is based on 1998 U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) curriculum. Additional materials and skills required by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment, Division of Emergency Medical Services are included.

EMT-IV/Paramedic Miscellaneous Requirements

Upon acceptance into the program, the student will be required to undergo a drug screen and a physical examination. The drug screen is required in order to attend clinicals and the physical is required for state licensure. All immunizations records must be up-to-date.

Malpractice insurance must be purchased when registering for the first semester of training. This is required in order to attend clinicals.

Clinical uniforms must be purchased prior to the start of clinicals.

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The Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic training programs consist of both classroom and clinical experience in basic and advanced life support procedures and will enable the student to acquire the knowledge and skills proficiency sufficient to prepare him/her to sit for the examinations for licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment Emergency Medical Services Division.

EMT-IV/Paramedic Work Settings

- Director/manager of emergency medical services
- Emergency medical service instruction/education
- Hospitals
- Industrial settings
- Law enforcement agencies
- Nursing homes
- Overseas opportunities
- Public safety agencies
- Supervisor with public/private safety organizations
- Supervisor with emergency/air medical transport services

EMT-IV/Paramedic Student Commitment

The EMT-IV/Paramedic training program is considered a full-time program requiring the student to commit to classroom & laboratory activities twice weekly in addition to 16-24 hours of clinical rotations per week. Students must also allow sufficient time for study and homework in addition to the course requirements.

Emergency Medical Services Estimated Program Costs

These estimated expenses for the EMT-IV and Paramedic programs are subject to change without notice.

College fees are included in the maintenance costs.

Physical examination/required immunizations must be up-to-date.

Link to Chattanooga State website fees: <http://www.chattanoogastate.edu/bursar>

EMT-IV PROGRAM COSTS: In-State

First Semester (8 hours) (Fall)

In-state maintenance fee	1,059.00
Liability Insurance	44.00
Uniform	75.00
Textbooks	135.00

Second Semester (8 hours) (Spring)

In-state maintenance fee	1,059.00
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PARAMEDIC PROGRAM COSTS

First Semester (16 hours) (Fall)

In-state maintenance fee	1,635.50
Liability Insurance	44.00
Uniform shirt	30.00
Textbooks	230.00

Second Semester (17 hours) (Spring)

In-state maintenance fee	1,653.50
Textbooks	80.00

Third Semester (11 hours) (Summer)

In-state maintenance fee	1,443.00
Textbooks	80.00

Note for Paramedic Program: All developmental courses must be completed prior to acceptance into the Paramedic Program.

Costs for developmental courses are not included in the estimate.

Criminal Background Checks

Following acceptance and prior to entering the first career course in a designated health care program, each student must undergo a criminal background check in order to comply with policies of affiliating clinical practice agencies. It shall be the student's responsibility to comply with instructions provided upon acceptance and provide the results by a designated date. The check will be at the expense of the student. Students who do not meet this requirement in a timely manner or whose background does not meet agency standards will not be able to successfully complete the program.

Additionally, a criminal background may preclude licensure or employment. Individuals with a question concerning this should schedule an appointment with the program director.

Americans With Disabilities

Students who have educational, psychological, and/or physical disabilities may be eligible for accommodations that provide equal access to educational programs and activities at Chattanooga State. These students should notify the instructor immediately, and ideally should contact Disabilities Support Services (S-113, phone 423-697-4452) within the first two weeks of the semester, in order to discuss individual needs. The student must provide documentation of the disability, so that reasonable accommodations can be requested in a timely manner. All students are expected to fulfill essential course requirements in order to receive a passing grade in a class, with or without reasonable accommodations.

Admissions Checklist for the EMT-IV & Paramedic Program

Utilize this checklist as a guide for completing your application requirements.

Send the Allied Health Application to:

Chattanooga State Community College
N/AH Application Coordinator, HSC 2088D
4501 Amnicola Hwy.
Chattanooga, TN 37406
(423) 697-2504 or fax (423) 697-2628

Have you fulfilled the admissions requirements for Chattanooga State?

- Complete Chattanooga State Admission Application form.
- Provide official transcripts to the Admissions Office and request evaluation for transfer credit.

Note—It is the applicant's responsibility to verify with the Admissions Office the receipt of any transcript and to request evaluation of transfer credits by the Admissions Office.

- Take the ACT, SAT or COMPASS, if applicable.

EMT-IV Program Requirements

Have you fulfilled the admission requirements for the EMT-IV Training Program?

- Complete and submit the Allied Health Application Form.
- Provide copy of high school transcripts.

Paramedic Program Requirements

Have you fulfilled the admission requirements for the Paramedic Training Program? All Paramedic Training Program applications must be postmarked by April 30 for priority consideration.

- Complete and submit the Allied Health Application Form.
- Provide copy of transfer credits approved by Admissions Office if you have previous college credit(s) at another accredited college or university. or
- If no previous college other than EMT courses, you must take the Chattanooga State Placement Test (COMPASS) and contact the advisor after the test.
- Have completed transitional courses,
- Submit copy of EMT-IV License

Required EMS Information Sessions

The EMT and Paramedic programs are now requiring the prospective students to attend an information session. This will help the students on the knowledge and direction to successfully complete the process for admission. Please see the dates and times on the website or call (423) 697-4450.

Financial Aid Notes

Students wishing to receive financial aid should pay special attention to the satisfactory academic progress regulations regarding maximum time frame. This policy states, "A student may attempt up to 102 credit hours, plus up to 30 transitional studies hours, before he/she becomes ineligible for financial aid.

The time frame for students seeking a SECOND associate degree is also determined by the 102 credit hour limit plus transitional studies credit hours. Credit hours from the FIRST degree WILL be counted toward the second degree program."

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