The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System provides medical care to community members who are sick or injured. The goal of the paramedic program is to prepare competent entry-level Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics in cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. 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 degree.

The **full-time** program begins each spring semester and requires students to meet on campus three days a week (approximately 8 hours per day). The full-time program is approximately a 12-month program.

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.

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 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 Profession (CoAEMSP). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program 1361 Park Street Clearwater, FL 33756 (727-210) www.caahep.org

**PROGRAM GOALS**

“To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit point at the advanced Emergency Medical technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, Medical responder levels”

**APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM**

Currently, the paramedic program admits students once per year. Applications for the spring 2022 semester are currently available online at [http://www.arc.losrios.edu/Programs_of_Study/Health_and_Education/Paramedic.htm](http://www.arc.losrios.edu/Programs_of_Study/Health_and_Education/Paramedic.htm)

Please mail your completed application packet to:

Attn: Dr. Goold  
Spring 2021 Paramedic Program Applications  
4700 College Oak Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95841

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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) 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 a regionally 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 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 verified recent and/or appropriate EMS experience (approximately 280 patient contacts). Students with minimal EMT experience may augment their experience using (PMED 106 Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, Pre-hospital Practices and Internship, with a grade of "C" or better) or equivalent courses. 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. A cumulative college GPA of 2.0 and a grade of "C" or better in the following prerequisites: a) BIOL 102 or BIOL 430 and BIOL 431, or other college human anatomy and physiology course with a lab which includes all human systems; and b) PMED 105 or NURSE 320 or equivalent courses.

4. A current Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet

**NOTE:** For the initial evaluation of all transcripts and previous coursework and to determine if the above eligibility requirements have been met, an appointment must be scheduled with an ARC counselor at (916) 484-8572. For course equivalency of pre-paramedic and degree major courses completed outside of the Los Rios Community College District, students must provide course descriptions.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE (37.5-44.5 UNITS)**

BIOL 102 or BIOL 430 and BIOL 431, PMED 105 or NURSE 320, PMED 110, 120, and 130

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AS DEGREE IN PARAMEDIC AT AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE**

BIOL 102 or (BIOL 430 and BIOL 431), PMED 105 or NURSE 320, PMED 110, 120, and 130

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To graduate with Associate Science degree, a student must complete all of the required courses for the Paramedic program and fulfill general education requirements. Associate of Science degrees in (Paramedic) are only provided to students who successfully complete all courses listed for the degree major at American River College.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Students who are interested in applying for the Paramedic program should begin preparing and PLANNING AHEAD as soon as possible by requesting and/or compiling the support documents in Item 3 below to be evaluated and included in the application packet. This process may take several weeks.

2. As soon as you have your paperwork together, call the ARC Counseling department at (916) 484-8572 no later than Friday, November 5th, 2021 to schedule an appointment to obtain a Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet for the program. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

3. **Student Checklist:** The following documents must be brought to the counseling appointment:
   - High school transcript with graduation date highlighted, GED Scores, CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency, or proof of AA/AS degree or higher
   - Current EMT-Basic card and American Heart Association Professional Rescuer or BLS Healthcare Provider card (bring original cards)
   - If applicable, verification of EMT-Basic experience with supportive documentation to include hours of patient contact, description of contacts, and validation from supervisor on original agency letterhead. Do not include observational experiences only. Contact information, to verify field experience, must be provided in the supportive documentation.
   - All college transcripts:
     - Unofficial transcripts from the Los Rios Community College District (ARC, CRC, FLC, SCC)
     - Official (sealed) transcripts from schools outside the Los Rios Community College District
     - **NOTE:** All transcripts must accompany your application; do not have them mailed separately to Admissions & Records or the Counseling department.
   - Copies of course descriptions of prerequisite classes completed outside the Los Rios Community College District for evaluation of equivalency. Descriptions must show clear page numbers, year, and catalog identification.
   - Completed application for Paramedic program

4. At the counseling appointment, the counselor will determine if educational requirements and paramedic prerequisites have been met. Pre-paramedic courses that are in progress will also be noted. In addition, the counselor will evaluate your progress toward graduation requirements (if applicable) and coursework from other colleges for equivalency to ARC courses. The Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet will be completed during this appointment.

5. Submit **complete** packet and support documentation to the Health and Education office. (See "Student Checklist" on application). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Only students who meet the educational pre-paramedic requirements and follow the procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all of these requirements does not guarantee enrollment in the program.

2. Class size will be limited. If the pool is greater than the program can accept, students are chosen based on a computerized random selection process from among the qualified candidates.

**ACCEPTANCE**

1. Students will receive notification of acceptance by mail approximately two (2) weeks after the submission deadline. Please do not call Admissions & Records, the Health and Education office, or the Counseling department, as phone verification will not be provided.

2. Once accepted to the Paramedic Program, students, at their own expense, must provide the following prior to completion of PMED110:
   - Health History & Report of Medical Examination with required inoculations
   - Drug screening test (non-refundable)
   - Proof of malpractice insurance (not refundable)
   - Background check required by clinical facilities (non-refundable)
# American River College Paramedic Program

**Application for Spring 2022**

**Spring 2022 Application is Due Friday, December 3, 2021**

Please Print or Type:

1. **Name** _______________________________ **LRCCD Student ID No.** ____________________
   **Last** ___________________ **First** ___________________ **Middle** ___________________

   Previous last name(s) that may appear on your records: ______________________________________________________

   **Mailing Address**
   **Number and Street** ___________________ **City** ___________________ **State** ___________________ **Zip Code** ___________________

   Telephone Nos.: **Home** __________ _____ **Cell** __________ _____ **Work** __________ _____ **Email** __________

2. **High school last attended** _____________________________________________________ **City, State** ___________________

   Did you graduate? **Yes** __________ **No** __________ If no, GED or CHSPE? __________ Applicant must provide unofficial U. S. high school transcript, GED scores, or CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency

   Colleges Attended (including ARC, CRC, FLC, and SCC) Applicant must provide official transcripts and course catalog descriptions for class equivalency evaluation for colleges outside of Los Rios Community College District

   **Name of Institution** ___________________ **City and State** ___________________ **Dates of Attendance** ___________________ **Units** ___________________ **Degree Received & Date** ___________________

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3. **Have you been licensed to practice in any field of health care?** **Yes** __________ **No** __________

   If yes, please describe: Licensed as ______________________________________________________

   **License No.** ___________________ **Date Licensed** ___________________ **Expiration Date** ___________________  

4. **Person to be notified in case of emergency:** **Name** ___________________ **Relationship** ___________________  

   **Address** ___________________ **Number and Street** ___________________ **City** ___________________ **State** ___________________ **Zip Code** ___________________

   Telephone Nos.: **Home** __________ _____ **Cell** __________ _____ **Work** __________

5. **Applicant’s Signature** ___________________ **Date** ___________________
STUDENTS: Please provide the following information regarding prerequisite courses for course work validation.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Cumulative College GPA (2.0) ______________

STUDENT CHECKLIST: A complete application packet **MUST** include the following items:

1. ______ Transcript with graduation date highlighted from an accredited high school in the United States, GED Scores, CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency, or AA/AS degree or higher documented on an accredited college transcript. Transcripts from a high school or college outside of the United States must be evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency.

2. ______ **Current** copy of: a) EMT-Basic card and b) American Heart Association BLS CPR card (**must show** original documents)

3. ______ If applicable, verification of EMT-Basic experience with supportive documentation on original agency letterhead

4. ______ It is the student's responsibility to submit the "Final Grade Verification" form to the Health and Education office by the end of the semester if a prerequisite course is being completed. The Final Grade Verification form is available at the Health and Education Office or at [http://wserver.arc.losrios.edu/~edhealth/paramed.html](http://wserver.arc.losrios.edu/~edhealth/paramed.html).

5. ______ All college transcripts:
   - **UNOFFICIAL** transcripts from colleges within the Los Rios Community College District (ARC, SCC, CRC, FLC)
   - **OFFICIAL (sealed)** transcripts from schools outside the Los Rios Community College District

6. ______ Course descriptions for equivalency from classes completed outside of Los Rios Community College District. (Descriptions must show clear page numbers, year, and catalog identification)

7. ______ Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet (from counseling visit)

8. ______ Enrollment application completed in its entirety

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Your completed application packet **must be received** in the ARC Health and Education Division Office, Room 770 no later than **Friday, December 3, 2021**. Please allow sufficient time for mailing.

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**IMPORTANT NOTES:** If any item is missing, the application packet will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.

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Demographic Survey
(Confidential Use Only)

The information below is requested for compliance with United States Department of Education reporting procedure. This data will be used for statistical purposes only and will be kept separate from your application.

I. ETHNICITY (Please check one)

- American Indian/Alaskan Native (1)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (2)
- Black (not of Hispanic Origin) (3)
- White (not of Hispanic Origin) (4)
- Hispanic (5)
- Filipino (6)
- Other _________________________________ (7)
- Decline to provide (8)

II. GENDER (Please check one)

- Male
- Female

III. AGE

___________

Thank you for your assistance.

American River College does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, or sex.