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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 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 a full 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 Professions (CoAEMSP).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs 1361 Park Street Clearwater, FL 33756 (727) 210-2350 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. Application for the spring 2022 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 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 and appropriate EMS experience (**approximately 280 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. 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
4. **First-time applicants** are encouraged to meet with an ARC counselor to obtain a Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet and documentation of all eligibility requirements. Call (916) 484-8572 for an appointment.

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

Prerequisites	Course Sequence for Certificate
BIOL 102 or BIOL 430* and BIOL 431 PMED 105 or NURSE 320 (*BIOL 430 has a chemistry prerequisite) <i>These courses may be taken concurrently but <u>prior</u> to enrolling in PMED 110.</i>	Semester I PMED 110 Semester II PMED 120 Semester III PMED 130

REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PARAMEDIC

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

Prerequisites	Course Sequence for Degree Major	Additional Graduation Requirements*
BIOL 102 or BIOL 430* and BIOL 431 PMED 105 or NURSE 320 (*BIOL 430 has a chemistry prerequisite) <i>These courses may be taken concurrently but <u>prior</u> to enrolling in PMED 110.</i>	Semester I PMED 110 Semester II PMED 120 Semester III PMED 130	Humanities Social and Behavioral Sciences Language and Rationality Living Skills Ethnic/Multicultural Studies Competency in Reading and Math

*To graduate with n Associate in Science Degree, a student must complete all of the required courses for the Paramedic program and fulfill general education requirements.

APPLICATION AVAILABILITY & DEADLINE /ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

Application for spring 2022 is now available: 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: Friday, December 3, 2021 – 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.

The Paramedic Program admits student once per year. Applications can be obtained from the Health and Education Division office or online at http://www.arc.losrios.edu/Programs_of_Study/Health_and_Education/Paramedic.htm

Selection is 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. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Once accepted to the Paramedic Program, students, ***at their own expense***, must provide the following prior to completion of **PMED 110**

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)