

Dear Tentative Paramedic Student:

We are pleased you are considering the Paramedic program and have placed your name on its waiting list. This "Question and Answer" booklet will answer many of the common questions about the program. Please schedule a counseling session to answer any additional questions you may have.

Cordially,

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What is the Paramedic program at LCCC?

LCCC's Paramedic program is an Ohio Accredited program (#OH 310) which follows the current DOT National Curriculum Standards.

The course consists of two 15-week semesters and one 10-week summer term. These hours are divided into lecture, laboratory, hospital clinical rotations, and squad field internship programs.

Students are taught the theory and skills related to Emergency Pre-Hospital Care for the medically ill and traumatically injured patient.

Upon completion of the program, the student will possess the following certification:

- AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider (ACLS)
- AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support Provider (PALS)
- In addition, the student is eligible to sit for the National Registry Exam. Successful completion will result in Certification as a Paramedic in the State of Ohio.

Paramedics learn the following skills:

- Advanced patient assessment
- Advanced airway management, including endotracheal intubations and cricothyrotomy
- I.V. therapy
- Drug administration and pharmacology
- EKG monitoring and rhythm interpretation
- Advanced Life support skills for adults and pediatric patients
- Various rescue techniques

What are the admission requirements?

The class is limited to 30 students per program. Candidates must be 18 years of age at the time of admission, hold a valid Ohio driver's license, be certified as an EMT Basic in the State of Ohio, be currently certified for AHA Healthcare Provider CPR, have a 2.0 GPA and submit the following documents to the LCCC Admission Office:

- College application
- Copies of EMTB card, CPR card and driver's license

What personal characteristics are needed to be successful in the Paramedic program?

Students who are successful in the Paramedic program are emotionally mature, academically able, highly motivated, self-disciplined and willing and able to devote a considerable amount of time to their program. They are patient and enjoy working with and serving people. They are able to follow orders.

What basic academic skills are needed in the Paramedic program?

Students who are successful in the Paramedic program have good skills in reading, writing, mathematics and science. High school biology is recommended.

What can I do if I have not had these courses or my skills are weak?

The College offers course work through the Developmental Education Division and other divisions that can satisfy these deficiencies. Your counselor can recommend specific courses to fit your situation.

When does the first the Paramedic program course begin?

LCCC currently offers two paramedic programs per year-one with classes held primarily in the daytime and one with classes held in the evenings.

The daytime based program begins in January and ends in December, Students attend classes during the Spring, Summer and Fall semesters in order to complete the year program.

The evening based Paramedic program begins In August and ends in July. Students attend classes during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters in order to complete the year program.

Can I re-enter the program if I withdraw?

Yes. Students who withdraw from the program without completing the first Paramedic course should immediately file a new Letter of Intent to indicate their desire to begin the program again. Students who complete the first Paramedic program course or beyond and withdraw should see the Allied Health and Nursing counselor immediately to arrange for re-entry. Proficiency students, re-admits and transfers from other programs are re-admitted as places are made available when other students withdraw from the program. No students should withdraw from the program without discussing their situation with the Paramedic program faculty and Allied Health and Nursing counselor. Formal withdrawal procedures must be followed.

What facilities are used for clinical training?

Currently, clinical affiliations for the Paramedic program include EMH Regional Medical Center, Fairview General Hospital, Lakewood Hospital, Mercy Regional Health Center, MetroHealth Medical Center, and St. John Medical Center. Squad field internship sites include Avon Fire Department, Avon Lake Fire Department, LifeCare Ambulance in Elyria and Lorain, North Ridgeville Fire Department, Olmsted Township Fire Department, and Southern Lorain County Ambulance District.

Will I do all my training at one hospital?

An attempt will be made to keep Paramedic students at the same clinical site for the entire program. However, this is not always possible.

Is transportation provided to the clinical facilities?

No. Students must provide their own transportation.

Does the college have baby-sitting services?

Yes. Inquiries should be made at the Child Care Center, ext. 4038.

What kind of time investment will I have to make for the Paramedic program?

The Paramedic program requires a considerable investment of time.

The January to December program is set up in the following way:

- (1) 2-3 hour daytime lectures held at the College twice a week for a total of 5 hours a week.
- (2) A 4-hour daytime college laboratory held at the College once a week.
- (3) A 6-hour evening or daytime clinical experience once a week.
- (4) Squad ride time, as individually scheduled, each semester.

The August to July program is set up in the following way:

- (5) 2-3 hour evening lectures held at the College twice a week for a total of 5 hours a week.
- (1) A 4-hour evening college laboratory held at the College once a week.
- (2) A 6-hour evening clinical experience once a week.
- (3) Squad ride time, as individually scheduled, each semester.

Do I have to take the 39 semester-hour program to become a Paramedic?

