



**Respond Right EMS Academy / St. Charles
Community College Consortium**

**Paramedic Program
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Program Information

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Paramedic. Our program is proud to deliver academic excellence while creating compassionate healthcare professionals. Our academy is privately owned and open to all students. You do not need to be affiliated with or sponsored by a department to apply for our program.

Our program requires candidates to have a computer and access to high speed internet for course work and communication, have reliable transportation for travel to/from class and clinicals, maintain a high degree of professionalism both in and out of the classroom, maintain a high level of hygiene and grooming, and be able to read and comprehend at a college level. This is a very demanding program that will require a lot of dedication and hard work.

Attached you will find a packet of information that includes items such as a job outlook, job requirements, program overview, entrance exam information, an application, and other important documents. You will find detailed information in this packet that you must read carefully and pay close attention to detail when completing all the required steps. We will be evaluating your abilities to read and follow directions throughout the entire process.

If you have not had the opportunity to meet with an advisor, make an appointment to find out what a career as a paramedic is like and how we can assist you with any questions or paperwork.

Programmatic Accreditation

The Respond Right EMS Academy / St. Charles Community College Consortium 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).

For more information about these accrediting agencies:

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
25400 US Highway 19 North
Ste 158
Clearwater, FL 33763
727-210-2350
www.caahep.org

CoAEMSP
8301 Lakeview Parkway Suite 111-312
Rowlett, TX 75088
214-703-8445
FAX 214-703-8992
www.coaemsp.org



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Respond Right EMS Academy has received Training Entity Accreditation through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

St. Charles Community College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, telephone: 800-621-7440; fax: 312-263-7462; website: www.ncacihe.org.

The North Central accreditation, along with transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities, assures the value of credits earned at SCC.

Courses taken for credit at SCC will be accepted in transfer by other colleges, provided they are appropriate to the degree sought.

During the Paramedic program, student will complete approximately 1300 hours of didactic, lab and clinical hours. Students will receive a Certificate of Completion through Respond Right EMS Academy upon completion of the Paramedic program. Upon successful completion of the program, students will become certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support. Students will be eligible to sit for NREMT Paramedic psychomotor and written exam upon completion of the program.

Our goal is to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels.

We encourage you to ask any questions you may have during your journey to becoming a Paramedic. We are devoted to helping you achieve your goals. Please feel free to let us know how we can help you!

Sincerely,

Toni Milan, BS, Paramedic
Program Director
Paramedic Program

Donna Weiss, AAS, Paramedic/Firefighter
CEO / Program Director
EMT Program



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Paramedic Job Requirements

The Paramedic's scope of practice includes basic and advanced skills focused on the acute management and transportation of the broad range of patients who access the emergency medical system. This may occur at an emergency scene until transportation resources arrive, from an emergency scene to a health care facility, between health care facilities, or in other health care settings.

In some communities, Paramedics provide a large portion of the out-of-hospital care and represent the highest level of out-of-hospital care. In communities that use emergency medical dispatch systems, Paramedics may be part of a tiered response system. In all cases, Paramedics work alongside other EMS and health care professionals as an integral part of the emergency care team. The Paramedic must be able to deal with adverse and often dangerous situations which include responding to calls in districts known to have high crime and mortality rates. Self-confidence is critical, as is a desire to work with people, solid emotional stability, a tolerance for high stress, and the ability to meet the physical, intellectual, and cognitive requirements demanded by this position.

The Paramedic's scope of practice includes invasive and pharmacological interventions to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with acute out-of-hospital medical and traumatic emergencies. Emergency care is based on an advanced assessment and the formulation of a field impression. The Paramedic provides care designed to minimize secondary injury and provide comfort to the patient and family while transporting the patient to an appropriate health care facility.

The Paramedic has knowledge, skills, and abilities developed by appropriate formal education and training. The Paramedic has the knowledge associated with, and is expected to be competent in, all of the skills of the EMR, EMT, and AEMT. The major difference between the Paramedic and the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is the ability to perform a broader range of advanced skills. These skills carry a greater risk for the patient if improperly or inappropriately performed, are more difficult to attain and maintain competency in, and require significant background knowledge in basic and applied sciences.

The Paramedic is the minimum licensure level for patients requiring the full range of advanced out-of-hospital care. The scope of practice is limited to advanced skills that are effective and can be performed safely in an out-of-hospital setting with medical oversight. The Paramedic transports all emergency patients to an appropriate medical facility. The Paramedic serves as part of an EMS response system, ensuring a progressive increase in the level of assessment and care. The Paramedic may make destination decisions in collaboration with medical oversight. The principal disposition of the patient encounter will result in the direct delivery of the patient to an acute care facility.

Physical Demands

Aptitudes required for work of this nature are good physical stamina, endurance, and body condition that would not be adversely affected by frequently having to walk, stand, lift, carry, and balance at times, in excess of 125 pounds. Motor coordination is necessary because over uneven terrain, the patient's, the Paramedic's, and other workers' well-being must not be jeopardized. Different situations will require that the Paramedic be able to perform in the following manner: stand, walk, sit, lift, carry, push, pull, climb, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, reach, feel, talk, hear and see. Please see the functional abilities standard that is included in the application packet. This outlines more specific physical requirements of the job.



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Job Outlook*

Employment of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics is projected to grow 24 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Emergencies, such as car crashes, natural disasters, and acts of violence, will continue to create demand for EMTs and paramedics. Demand for part-time, volunteer EMTs and paramedics in rural areas and smaller metropolitan areas will also continue.

Growth in the middle-aged and elderly population will lead to an increase in age-related health emergencies, such as heart attacks and strokes. This increase, in turn, will create greater demand for EMT and paramedic services. An increase in the number of specialized medical facilities will require more EMTs and paramedics to transfer patients with specific conditions to these facilities for treatment.

*Cited from Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, EMTs and Paramedics, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/ems-and-paramedics.htm>

Program Fees – Certificate of Completion

Paramedic Program

Registration Fee (non-refundable/non-transferable) \$ 150.00

Course Fees and Tuition \$ 10,325.00

Due at time of acceptance\$5,162.50

Due at least 10 days before the start of class\$5,162.50

*Note - \$400 of your total cost is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Course Fees and Tuition Include:

- Entrance Exam, Tuition, Technology & Lab fees, Professional Liability Insurance while enrolled, Clinical & Field Internship, One Polo Shirt, Parking Sticker
- Prices subject to change without notice

Program Fees/Cost does not include:

- Textbooks and software bundle
- Class A uniform
- Additional uniforms (pants, boots, belt, additional polos, dress shirt). Cost will vary per student.
- Laptop and personal medical equipment (stethoscope, pen light, etc). Cost will vary per student
- Registration: \$150.00 (non-refundable and non-transferable)
- Testing fees. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be eligible to complete the NREMT practical test and the NREMT written exam, both required for licensure. Testing fees not included with tuition. Approximately \$400
- Prices subject to change without notice



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Payment Plans Available

Registration Fee (non-refundable/non-transferable) \$ 150.00

Total Cost (\$200 charged for financing) \$ 10,525.00

Includes Course Fees and Tuition

Due at time of acceptance \$5,300.00

Amount financed\$5,225.00

*Note - \$400 of your total cost is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Spring Paramedic Program

Class is scheduled to meet as follows:

- Day 1 - March 23: 8 am - 4:30 pm
- Class will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 8 am - 4:30 pm

Be advised the class schedule is subject to change based on instructor availability.



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Program Overview

The day paramedic program includes a total of 1,300+ hours of time that is divided into three phases.

Phase 1 - didactic phase - includes all lecture and lab skills training. The didactic phase lasts approximately 11 months. During this phase class will meet one or two days per week. Specialty class sessions may be held on the weekend or in the evening. Cognitive and psychomotor learning occurs during this phase with the use of lectures, presentations, case studies and lab skill training. Students are required to read all lecture material and complete homework before the day of class. The goal of this phase is to prepare the student with critical thinking abilities to apply their knowledge to real life patients. Students must pass Phase 1 to progress to Phase 2.

Phase 2 – clinical / field phase – includes all hospital and ambulance clinical rotations. Phase 2 overlaps / co-enrolls with Phase 1 and lasts approximately 8 months. The student will have the ability to perform skills in clinical areas such as the emergency department, ICU, burn unit, operating room, ambulance etc. Students will have the opportunity to perform skills with designated preceptors under the supervision of affiliated hospital staff such as paramedics, nurses and physicians. Students must pass Phase 2 to progress to Phase 3.

Phase 3 – internship phase – includes performing a full scope of practice on an Advanced Life Support unit while under the direct supervision Paramedic preceptors. Phase 3 will last approximately 1 month. During this phase students will demonstrate entry level competency as a Paramedic. Students will demonstrate that they are able to develop and practice high-level decision making by integrating and applying their learning while dealing with real patient encounters. This capstone experience will occur on an ALS unit which will require the student to perform competently as a Paramedic.

Students will be required to pass an online CBT test during Phase 3 to be course completed.

Students who fail out of any portion of the class will be required to follow the Advanced Placement Policy. It is important that a student gains an understanding and comprehends the material before they are allowed to move forward to the next Phase.

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*Information is subject to change. This is not a course syllabus. Please consult with Administration for the most current information.



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Admission Policies

The EMS courses at Respond Right EMS Academy have additional admission requirements due to the physical demands and nature of the job requirements. Every student is encouraged to apply; however, they are encouraged to review the job requirements and physical demands before applying. Not all applicants will be accepted into the program based on meeting the admission requirements.

The additional admission requirements include:

- Entrance exam
- Prerequisite courses
- Criminal background checks
- Physical exams and release from physician
- Minimum age
- U.S. Citizen
- Drug test

Respond Right EMS Academy offers equal access and opportunities in employment, admissions and educational services. RREMSA will not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, pregnancy, age, marital status, national origin, genetic information, sexual orientation or disability status in its employment practices or in the admission and treatment of students. Complete policies on Americans with Disabilities, discrimination and harassment can be found in the Program Manual. If you have a question or concern, please contact Donna Weiss at 636-387-6200. These admission requirements may change, and students are encouraged to consult with administration when they apply to confirm the current requirements.

Transfer of Credits

Transfer students are those who wish to transfer to Respond Right EMS Academy from another CoAEMSP Accredited Institution. Students applying should be in good standing without academic or behavior related issues. Credit for EMS courses will only be granted if attended at a CoAEMSP accredited institution.

Transfer students will be required to attend orientation as directed and any other required clinical training dates. Students will not be able to transfer in any clinicals.

Students who have a Missouri, and/or NREMT EMT License may receive credit for RREMSA's EMT course work.

Advanced Placement

Paramedic students who have partially completed a CoAEMSP accredited program may receive credit if the following are met:

Required prerequisites:

- All entry health requirements, background checks and drug screening
- MO EMT License
- Current AHA BLS CPR
- Anatomy and Physiology



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- Official transcripts and a letter from the Program Director of the initial institution must be sent to the administrative office, Attn: Program Director, Toni Milan. The letter must document that the student is in good standing and has met all required didactic and lab hours for the courses which credit is sought.
- Written examination testing in all courses for which transfer credit is sought. The decision score is 75%. Each exam can be taken one time.
- Skills demonstration equivalent to the skills taught in the course for which transfer credit is sought. A list of skills is available with the associated NREMT Portfolio paperwork. Students will be allowed to re-test skills one time.

Students are required to pay all academic fees associated with transfer credit evaluation or exemption examination.

Advanced Placement does not provide advanced placement based on other healthcare provider licensures. Advanced placement only applies to the Paramedic level.

The deadline to apply for advanced placement is EMS 303.

Experiential Learning

Students with medical training, including nursing, military medical training, etc. are not given advanced placement in the EMS program. Current Missouri Bureau of EMS standards will be followed for admittance of military personnel.



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Application / Registration Process

1. Register for your class
 - \$150 (non-refundable/non-transferable)
2. Complete the following:
 - Drug Screening (additional fee)
 - Must be completed with our facility. Tests from other sites will not be accepted.
 - Must be completed within the last 3 months.
 - We will provide information on how to complete this.
 - Missouri Background Check (additional fee)
 - Visit mocriminalrecords.com and click on “[Request A Search](#)”. Complete the requested information and when prompted send a copy to: info@respondright.com
 - Complete and pass an entrance exam (included with cost)
 - Must schedule the entrance exam with administration.
3. After you have successfully completed steps 1 & 2, you will be required to complete the application packet. Application packets can be picked up at our office or downloaded from our website.
 - Be advised: You are being evaluated on your ability to follow directions when turning in your packet. This is part of application process. Failure to follow directions will make your application packet in-eligible for submission. Packets that are not 100% complete will be returned.



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Uniform and Mandatory Items For Class

REQUIRED ITEMS PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT

(These items are subject to change without notice)

- Pants
 - Must be 5.11 Tactical Brand – Navy Blue Company Pant or Taclite EMS Pant
- Class A uniform shirt and clip on tie
 - Must be purchased from Respond Right EMS Academy. You can purchase as many as you need.
- Black belt
 - Must be a plain black belt. If it has a buckle, it must be silver metal buckle
- Boots
 - Black polishable EMS type boot. These can be purchased at Respond Right EMS Academy.
- Navy blue crew neck t-shirt
 - You can purchase Respond Right EMS Academy t-shirts. These can also be worn on lab days.
- Black socks
 - No ankle or no-show socks allowed. Must be all black work socks.
- Laptop or tablet with full OS installed
 - You must bring this to class every day.
 - Must have the most current version of the following:
 - Windows or Apple operating system. This must be the full version of the Operating System.
 - Internet Explorer – must be the current version with JavaScript enabled
- Stethoscope
 - This can be purchased at Respond Right EMS Academy
- Pen light
 - This can be purchased at Respond Right EMS Academy
- Textbook / software packages
 - The link to purchase the textbooks will be emailed out to the class.

PROVIDED BY RESPOND RIGHT EMS ACADEMY

- One clinical polo
 - You can purchase more, if needed
- Technology and lab fees
- Professional liability insurance
- Parking sticker



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The Paramedic Program requires a minimum of 13 students to be enrolled to conduct a class. If class does not meet this minimum, you will be notified of the cancelled class and your options at that time.

