“Raising the bar of Paramedic Education”

Interested Paramedic Education Program Applicants:

The Mesa Community College Department of Fire Science / EMS is currently accepting applications for the Class of the 2020-1 Fall Paramedic Education Program Cohort. This Cohort is open to both limited experience providers with less than two years experience as an EMCT and experienced providers with over two years experience as an EMCT. Those applicants with less than two years verifiable work history as an EMCT are required to complete the pre-paramedic foundational coursework prior to competing in the selection process (see attached pre-paramedic course descriptions). The application period for the 2020-1 Cohort opens on Monday, January 14th 2019 and closes at 1700 hours on Friday, June 14th 2019. Please review this packet in its entirety if you are interested in applying.

- This program is scheduled to begin Fall Semester 2019 (Monday, August 19th 2019) and conclude at the end of the Summer Session 2020 (Thursday, August 13th 2020).
- This program is a three block (3 semester) program, lasting approximately twelve calendar months (actual time in class is approximately 11 months after accounting for all college observed breaks).
- This program observes all college designated holidays and semester breaks.
- This program is eligible for federal and private financial aid and VA benefits. (please contact the MCC financial aid and VA department representatives for further requirements and information on how to apply for benefits)
- This program is designed for applicants interested in obtaining their National Registry Paramedic Certification and pursuing their AAS degree in Emergency Response and Operations with an emphasis in Paramedicine.
- This program is designed for working adults with both limited EMCT experience and significant EMCT experience in a first responder EMS/Fire based environment.
- This program is a competency based program designed after the 2011 National EMS Education Standards and the 2015 American Heart Association ECC guidelines.
- This program consists of approximately 640 hours of didactic classroom & laboratory participation, 244 hours of clinical internship participation and 500 hours of EMS field internship participation. The total program time commitment requirement not including study and preparatory time is approximately 1,400 hours.

Acceptance into the Paramedic Education Program requires successful completion of a competitive selection process, at a minimum this should consist of both a written entrance examination and an oral panel interview. Please note, current municipal and district fire service members that participate in the Phoenix-Mesa Regional Automatic Aid System are not required to participate in the selection process. In order to bypass the Mesa Community College selection process, fire service candidates must have been previously selected by a competitive departmental process to establish eligibility and must be ranked on a current eligibility list to attend Paramedic Training. Mesa Community College reserves the right to further evaluate all applicants on an “as needed” basis. Applicants participating in the Mesa Community College student selection process will be ranked in order of performance from 1-30. Successful applicants will be included in the Paramedic Education Program Cohort 2020-1, scheduled to begin with Block #1 Fall Semester August 2019. A maximum of 30 students will be accepted. Once accepted, all students must successfully clear a DPS level one fingerprint clearance/background check, Castle Branch
comprehensive background check, annual physical examination and a randomized urine drug screen which also assesses for nicotine use.

All core Paramedic Program educational blocks 1-3 (semesters) classroom didactic & laboratory sessions will be offered on Wednesday’s & Thursday’s weekly from 0900-1800 hours each day, students must attend two (2), eight (8) hour classroom sessions per week (must attend both Wednesday & Thursday class sessions). Clinical and vehicular/field internships will be developed in a varying schedule format in order to facilitate the diverse nature and availability of hospital and field internship shifts and sponsoring agencies. It is important to note, that students are required to attend classroom sessions and clinical and vehicular/field internships simultaneously and at times, can require up to 24+ hours a week of time allocation for school which does not include prep time or studying.

All classroom sessions will be held at the Mesa Community College Downtown Center campus located at 145 North Centennial Way, 4th Floor, Mesa, AZ 85201. Clinical and field internships and some special laboratory sessions may be held at an off-campus site. If you have any additional questions pertaining to the Paramedic Education Program at MCC or require further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Sean Newton @ (480) 461-6303 or via email at sean.newton@mesacc.edu.

Regards,

Sean P. Newton, BS, NRP
Residential Faculty Mesa Community College / Occupational Program Director Paramedic Education

Accreditation Disclaimer:

The Mesa Community College Paramedic Education Program has been issued Initial Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). This accreditation was effective 09/15/2017. CAAHEP / CoAEMSP Accredited Program #600752 & Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Trauma and Emergency Medical Services ALS Training Program Certificate Holder #450311.

The Mesa Community College Paramedic Education Program has successfully completed the Initial Self Study Report (ISSR) and program site visit process to earn Initial Accreditation from the Committees on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Initial Accreditation includes a rigorous assessment of the program by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP), who then reports their findings and recommendations to CAAHEP. Accreditation in health-related disciplines serves a very important role for the public; along with certification and licensure, accreditation helps to assure that health care personnel are well-prepared and qualified.
PRE-PARAMEDIC PROGRAM FOUNDATIONAL COURSEWORK
(NOT PART OF THE APPLICANT SELECTED PARAMEDIC PROGRAM)

Offered during Pre-Paramedic Coursework: Pre-Paramedic Preparation (Foundational)
Fall & Spring 13.5 credit hours
Semesters ONLY

This coursework is REQUIRED for limited experience providers with less than 2 years verifiable EMCT first responder experience and/or AAS degree seeking students.

- BIO 160 Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology
- HCC 145 Medical Terminology for Health Care Workers
- EMT 236 Pharmacology in the Emergency Setting
- EMT 235 Emergency Cardiac Care
- EMT 249 12 Lead ECG Rhythm Analysis

*Note(s):
Those students who complete the Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater may be given preference of acceptance into Block #1 of the paramedic program. All applicants are required to submit a completed application packet, pass an EMT competency examination and oral panel interview board.

Classes in the Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework will be offered in varying formats (i.e. online, hybrid-online, traditional classroom, reversed classroom) and will meet on varying days of the week. Students are required to attend classes as scheduled, the Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework IS NOT offered in the “Flex-Schedule” format.

**Disclaimer:
Successful completion of the Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework in no way, guarantees acceptance into the Paramedic Program.
PARAMEDIC EDUCATION PROGRAM BLOCKS #1-#3
(MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE APPLICATION AND COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS TO BE ACCEPTED)

Fall Semester (Aug. 2019) Core Paramedic Program
BLOCK #1 (Didactic, Lab & Clinical Internship Part I)
15.5 total credit hours

The Block #1 schedule is a two (2) day per week schedule, meeting on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 0900-1800 each day. In addition to the required classroom & lab sessions, students will be required to simultaneously complete the required clinical phase of education.

✓ EMT 272AA Advanced Emergency Medical Technology Didactic & Lab Part I
✓ EMT 240 ACLS Provider Program (Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider)
✓ EMT296WA Cooperative Hospital Clinical Internship (part I)

Spring Semester (Jan. 2020) Core Paramedic Program
BLOCK #2 (Didactic, Lab & Clinical Internship Part II)
16.5 total credit hours

The Block #2 schedule is a two (2) day per week schedule, meeting on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 0900-1800 each day. In addition to the required classroom & lab sessions, students will be required to simultaneously complete the required clinical and field internship phases of education.

✓ EMT 272AB Advanced Emergency Medical Technology Didactic & Lab Part II
✓ EMT 242 PALS Provider Program (Pediatric Advanced Life Support Provider)
✓ EMT 265 PEPP Provider Program (Pediatric Emergencies for the Prehospital Provider)
✓ EMT296WB Cooperative Hospital Clinical Internship (part II)

Summer Sessions (May 2020) Core Paramedic Program
Block #3 (Trauma, Research & Comprehensive Field Internship)
10.5 total credit hours

The Block #3 schedule is a one (1) day per week schedule, meeting on Thursdays from 0900-1800 each day, in addition to completing all of the previous required clinical and field internship phase requirements. The required class / laboratory sessions continue to meet for one session per week during the completion of the field internship phase. Students will be REQUIRED to attend a comprehensive National Examination preparation training phase during the last two weeks of the program, which requires on-site participation of 3-4 days per week.)

✓ EMT 272LL Advanced Emergency Medical Technology Practicum – Field Internship
✓ EMT 245 Trauma Patient Management (PHTLS provider)
✓ EMT 298AA Research Projects
Requirements for admission into Block #1 Paramedic Program:
(requirements must be met prior to acceptance into Block #1)

✓ If less you have less than two (2) years verifiable experience as an EMCT in a first responder environment, you must provide proof (transcripts) of successful completion of the pre-paramedic foundational coursework (BIO160, HCC145, EMT235, EMT236 & EMT249)
✓ If you have more than two (2) years verifiable experience as an EMCT in a first responder environment, you must provide proof of that experience. A letter from your employer(s) on their agency letterhead validating your employment dates and experience shall serve as acceptable verification.
✓ Must possess a current Healthcare Provider level CPR card reflective of the 2015 ECC Guidelines for BLS Resuscitation. (AHA and ASHI only)
✓ Must possess a current/valid State of Arizona EMCT certification
✓ Submit unofficial college transcripts.
✓ DPS (Arizona Department of Public Safety) fingerprint clearance card. A receipt of payment and verification of submission will be accepted with application until a permanent fingerprint ID card is received. In addition to the DPS fingerprint clearance card, accepted students must clear an additional background check done via Castle Branch. This will be obtained after acceptance.
✓ Proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, seasonal influenza “flu” vaccine, and other immunizations as required by our contracted clinical/field internship sites. Reasonable time limits will be given to complete this requirement as needed. It is usually easiest to have your Primary Care Provider (PCP) perform a blood draw and check your titers for all immunizations. (Submittal of a recent titer showing “immunity” will be accepted)
✓ Immunity to Varicella (Chicken Pox) (Submittal of a recent titer showing “immunity” will be accepted)
✓ Proof of Hepatitis B immunity (Submittal of a recent titer showing “immunity” will be accepted) or evidence that you have declined the vaccination series
✓ Negative TB skin test or Chest X-ray within 6 months prior to application deadline. The TB test used must be a two-step process.
✓ Verification/documentation of an annual physical exam (use form contained in application packet).
✓ 24 Hour Hazardous Materials First Responder (HAZWOPR) or higher.
✓ Completion of the Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework of EMT235, EMT236, EMT249, HCC145 & BIO160 (or equivalent field/work experience as determined by the Paramedic Program Director)
✓ Successfully complete the written entrance examination consisting of general EMT knowledge, 2015 AHA CPR Guidelines & medical mathematics (MINIMUM SCORE OF 75% IS REQUIRED TO MOVE ON TO THE ORAL PANEL INTERVIEW) – MAY BE WAIVED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SELECTION PROCESSES
✓ Successful completion of an oral panel interview process – MAY BE WAIVED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SELECTION PROCESSES
✓ Negative drug screen as required by our contracted clinical/field internship sites (typically a 12-14 panel drug screen) The typical 12-14 panel drug screen includes: amphetamines, methamphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, cocaine metabolite, methadone, meperidine, opiates, oxycodone, phencyclidine, propoxyphene. – May include verification of non-tobacco use as requested of our various clinical internship sites. Medical marijuana or religious hallucinogen use ARE NOT permitted.
## Application Criteria and Important Deadlines/Dates

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<th>Applications Accepted:</th>
<th>Monday, January 14&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; 2019 through Friday, June 14&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; 2019 @ 1700 hours</th>
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| Applications must be submitted via hand delivery or traceable USPS to: | Mesa Community College Downtown Center Campus  
Department of Fire Science / EMT  
145 North Centennial Way, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mesa, AZ 85201  
ATTENTION: Paramedic Application Process – ATTN: Paramedic Program Director |

**Note:** Late submittal applications may be considered for an alternate eligibility list up to the date of the mandatory “Family Orientation Night” class meeting depending upon enrollment availability.

| Paramedic Program Admission: | All applicants must complete the program application and comply with all required supporting documentation. The written entrance examination and oral panel interview selection processes are required for applicants not validated on a current fire service Paramedic Eligibility List. |

*Those applicants with less than two (2) years of verifiable work experience as an EMCT in a first responder environment must first complete the required pre-paramedic foundational coursework prior to program acceptance.*

**A maximum of 30 students per assigned cohort will be accepted into the Paramedic Education Program.**

| Written Entrance Examination(s): | Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 OR Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2019  
@ 10:00am (1000 hrs) – Applicants may select which date to participate in the written entrance examination process by RSVP. |

| Oral Panel Interviews: | Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019  
(individually scheduled following successful written exam score) |

| Accepted Student Notification: | Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 by 1700. Cohort 2020-1 selection completed. |

| Mandatory Pre-Class Meeting: | For those individuals accepted into the 2020-1 Paramedic Education Program Cohort, a MANDATORY pre-class meeting known as “Friends & Family Night” will be held on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 @ 1800 (6:00pm) hours at the MCC Downtown Center Campus 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Atrium. |

| Tuition & Fees: | All tuition and associated program fees are the sole responsibility of the student. All tuition and fees must be paid when the student is registered for the required coursework (each semester), unless previous arrangements have been made through the MCC Cashier’s Office representative.  
Students planning to apply for financial aid or are utilizing Veterans Benefits, are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office or the Department of Veteran Affairs as soon as possible for assistance in order to insure timely processing prior to registration. |
## PRE-PARAMEDIC PROGRAM / COURSE COST ITEMIZATION:

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<th>COURSE CODE</th>
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<td>BIO 160 (Intro. to Human A &amp; P)</td>
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<td>* Degree and Certificate Track Completion Requirement</td>
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<td>HCC 145 (Medical Terminology)</td>
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<td>** Limited Experience Provider Completion Requirement</td>
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<td>EMT 236 (Pharmacology in Emergency)</td>
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Pre-Paramedic Program Foundational Coursework – Offered Fall & Spring Semesters Only
**PARAMEDIC PROGRAM BLOCK / COURSE COST ITEMIZATION:**

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<td>EMT 272AA (Advanced Emergency Medical Technology Didactic &amp; Lab Part I)</td>
<td>12.50</td>
<td><strong>AZDHS BITEMS PARAMEDIC PROGRAM 2020-1 COHORT START</strong> (12 Calendar Month Program)</td>
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<td>EMT 240 (ACLS)</td>
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<td>*Meets two (2) days per week on Wednesdays &amp; Thursdays from 0900-1800</td>
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<td>EMT296WA (Cooperative Clinical Internship)</td>
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<td>** Clinical Internship Phase begins Dec. 2019</td>
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**Paramedic Program Block #1 (Fall Semester 2019) – 16 Week Session**

Cohort 2020-1 = Start Wednesday, August 21st 2019 – Ends Thursday, December 12th 2019 (tentative)

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<td>EMT 272AB (Advanced Emergency Medical Technology Didactic &amp; Lab Part II)</td>
<td>12.50</td>
<td>*Clinical internship continues through Block #2</td>
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<td>EMT 242 (PALS)</td>
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<td>** Meets two (2) days per week on Wednesdays &amp; Thursdays from 0900-1800</td>
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<td>EMT 265 (PEPP)</td>
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<td>*** Field Internship phase begins following successful completion of Immersive Total Patient Management sessions held in March 2020.</td>
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**Paramedic Program Block #2 (Spring Semester 2020) – 16 Week Session**

Cohort 2020-1 = Start Wednesday, January 15th 2020 – Ends Thursday, May 14th 2020 (tentative)

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<td>EMT 272LL (Advanced Emergency Medical Technology Practicum)</td>
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<td>* Field internship continues ** Chart review sessions begin</td>
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<td>EMT 245 (Trauma I)</td>
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<td>*** Class sessions meet one (1) day per week on Thursdays from 0900-1800, until National Registry exam prep week August 2-13.</td>
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<td>EMT 298AA (Research Projects)</td>
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**Paramedic Program Block #3 (Summer Sessions 2020) – 16 Weeks**

Cohort 2020-1 = Start Thursday, May 28th – Ends Thursday, August 13th 2020 (tentative)

**TENTATIVE NATIONAL REGISTRY PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMINATIONS:** Friday, August 14th 2020 (tentative)

**TENTATIVE GRADUATION CEREMONY:** Saturday, August 15th 2020 (tentative) @ 1500

THE MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
## PARAMEDIC PROGRAM TUITION / LAB & MISC. FEES

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### Total Tuition Fees: $3,612.50

### Lab Fees Due for Paramedic Blocks #1 and #3: $1,500.00

### Total Tuition & Lab Fees ONLY: $5,112.50

### Breakdown:

#### Student Tuition:
- $3,612.50
- 42.5 Credits x $86.00 a credit hour
- (Based upon established Fall 2018 Tuition Rate)

#### Lab Fees:
- $1,500.00
- EMT 272AA ($500)
- EMT 272AB ($500)
- EMT 272LL ($500)
- (Based upon established Fall 2018 Tuition Rate)

#### Registration Fees:
- $45.00
- $15.00
- MCC registration fee per semester

#### Book / Supplies / Clinical Fees:
- $800.00 estimated
- Estimated Book, Misc. Supply, Clinical & Field Internship fees
- (OUT OF POCKET COST)

#### Castle Branch/My Clinical Exchange Fee:
- $150.00 estimated
- Required clinical and field internship requirements software membership (lifetime)
- (OUT OF POCKET COST)

#### DPS Background Check Fee:
- $75.00 estimated
- Finger Print Clearance Card (Arizona DPS)
- (OUT OF POCKET COST)

#### Drug Screen Fee:
- $75.00 estimated
- Student Randomized Urine Drug Screen
- (OUT OF POCKET COST)

#### Student Scrub Uniform Fee:
- $200.00 estimated
- Clinical Scrub Uniform (top & pants) – Average 2-3 sets per student & uniform zippered hoodie sweatshirt
- (OUT OF POCKET COST)

#### Vehicular Uniform Fee:
- $200.00 estimated
- Vehicular Uniform (Collared Polo Shirt Only) - Average 2-3 tops per student
- (OUT OF POCKET COST)

#### NREMT CBT Testing/Application Fees:
- $150.00 estimated
- Estimated NREMT Testing Fees
- (OUT OF POCKET COST)

### ESTIMATED Total Per Student Fee: $6,807.50 estimated

*Estimated for Block #1 through Block #3 - $6,807.50 estimated

**Above total does not include Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework if taken prior to the Paramedic Program**