



“Raising the Bar of Paramedic Education”

RE: Spring 2021 Semester Start - 2021-2 Paramedic Cohort

Interested Paramedic Education Program Applicants:

The Mesa Community College Department of EMS & Fire Sciences is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2 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 list). Please review this packet in its entirety if you are interested in applying.

- This program is scheduled to begin in the Spring Semester 2021 (Tuesday, January 19th 2021) and conclude at the end of the Fall Semester 2021 (Thursday, December 16th 2021). Graduation is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 18th 2021.
- 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 CCL in Paramedicine and their AAS degree 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 650 hours of didactic classroom & laboratory participation, 200 hours of clinical internship participation and 450 hours of EMS field internship participation. The total program time commitment requirement not including study and preparatory time is approximately 1,300 hours.

Acceptance into the Paramedic Education Program requires successful completion of a competitive selection process, at a minimum this will consist of completed online program application with short answer questions, computer based general EMT knowledge entrance examination and an oral panel interview. Please note that applicants that are employed by current municipal, authority and district fire service agencies that participate in the Phoenix-Mesa Regional Automatic Aid System and are active members of the EMS ROCC, are not required to participate in the selection process. In order to bypass the Mesa Community College selection process, fire service/ EMS 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 Paramedicine student selection process will be ranked in order of performance from 1-

24. Successful applicants will be included in the Paramedic Education Program Cohort 2021-2, scheduled to begin with Block #1 in the Spring Semester 2021. A maximum of 24 students will be accepted. For detailed preparation information, the step by step application process and access to the MCCC Online Paramedicine Program Application, please visit:

<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/healthcare-education/emergency-medical-services/paramedicine>

Once accepted into the program, all students must successfully pass a DPS level one fingerprint clearance background check, additional Castle Branch comprehensive background check, annual physical examination and a randomized urine drug screen. If a student has any noted criminal history or fails further screening processes, students will be at risk of not meeting clinical/field internship compliance requirements. Failure to meet the required compliance requirements may result in a student's immediate dismissal from the program.

For a complete list and comprehensive description of the MCCC HealthCare Education health and safety requirements, please visit:

<https://www.maricopa.edu/academics/healthcare/requirements>

All core Paramedic Program educational blocks 1-3 (semesters) classroom didactic & laboratory sessions will be offered on Monday's and Tuesday's weekly from 0900-1800 hours each day, students must attend two (2), eight (8) hour classroom sessions per week (must attend both Wednesday and 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.**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this program cohort will be delivered in a hybrid online/in-person format for all didactic and laboratory session. Most, if not all theory/didactic content will be delivered in the online virtual modality. Laboratory 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 off-campus sites. 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,



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PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, COURSE SCHEDULES MAY BE ADJUSTED SIGNIFICANTLY IN ORDER FOLLOW CDC EXPOSURE GUIDELINES. CLINICAL AND FIELD INTERNSHIP SITES AND SCHEDULES MAY BE VERY LIMITED. THIS MAY CAUSE AN ALTERATION TO SCHEDULES AND POTENTIALLY A PROGRAM EXTENSION BEYOND THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM COMPLETION DATE.



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.

PARAMEDIC EDUCATION PROGRAM BLOCKS #1-#3

(MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE APPLICATION AND COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS TO BE ACCEPTED)

Classes in the Paramedic Program will be offered in varying formats (i.e. online, hybrid-online, traditional classroom, reversed classroom). Paramedicine students are required to attend classes as scheduled.

**Spring Semester (January 2021)
BLOCK #1** **Core Paramedic Program
(Didactic, Lab)
15 total credit hours**

The Block #1 schedule is a two (2) day per week schedule, meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays from 0900-1800 each day. This includes all theory and lab sessions.

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19)

- ✓ BIO160 Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME240 Pharmacology in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME250 Comprehensive Patient Assessment in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME245 Airway & Ventilatory Management in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME251 Medical Emergencies in Paramedicine I (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME201 Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Initial Provider Course

**Summer Sessions (May 2021)
BLOCK #2** **Core Paramedic Program
(Didactic, Lab & Clinical Internship)
16.5 total credit hours**

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

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19)

- ✓ PME252 Medical Emergencies in Paramedicine II (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME253 Medical Emergencies in Paramedicine III (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME202 Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Initial Provider Course
- ✓ PME203 Pediatric Emergencies for the Prehospital Professionals Initial Provider Course (PEPP)
- ✓ PME204 Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP) Initial Provider Course
- ✓ PME205 Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Initial Provider Course
- ✓ PME270 Immersive Total Patient Management Experience (Simulation Lab)
- ✓ PME280 Practicum Preparedness in Paramedicine
- ✓ PME281 Paramedicine Comprehensive Clinical Practicum (200 hours min)

Fall Semester (August 2021)
Block #3

Core Paramedic Program
(Didactic, Lab & Comprehensive Field Internship)
12.5 total credit hours

The Block #3 schedule is a two (2) day per week schedule, meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays from 0900-1800 each day. In addition to the required classroom & lab sessions, students will be required to simultaneously complete the required the capstone field internship phase.

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19)

Students will be REQUIRED to attend National Examination preparation training phase during the last two weeks of the program, which requires on-site participation of 3-4 days per week.

- ✓ PME254 Technical Operations in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME260 Trauma Patient Management in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)
- ✓ PME206 ITLS/PHTLS Initial Provider Course
- ✓ PME288 Comprehensive Field Internship Practicum (450 hours min.)
- ✓ PME289 National Paramedic Credentialing Preparation

**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 (PME190, PME191)
- ✓ 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 PME190, PME191 (or equivalent field/work experience as determined by the Paramedic Program Director)
- ✓ Successfully complete the computer-based entrance examination consisting of general EMT knowledge, (MINIMUM SCORE OF 81% IS REQUIRED TO MOVE ON TO THE ORAL PANEL INTERVIEW)
- ✓ Successful completion of an oral panel interview process
- ✓ 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. –Medical marijuana or religious hallucinogen use ARE NOT permitted.

For a complete list and comprehensive description of the MCCC Health Education health and safety requirements, please visit:

<https://www.maricopa.edu/academics/healthcare/requirements>

Application Criteria and Important Deadlines/Dates

Applications Accepted: Paramedic program applications may be submitted year round. However, students must complete the application and program selection process a minimum of 45 days prior to the schedule program start date of their preferred program cohort.

Program Applications can be found, completed & submitted on-line at:

<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/healthcare-education/emergency-medical-services/paramedicine>

Paramedic Program Admission: All applicants must complete the program application and comply with all required supporting documentation. The program selection process is required for applicants not validated on a current (ROCC) Regional Fire Agency 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 24 students per assigned cohort will be accepted into the 2021-2 Paramedic Education Program Cohort.

Written Entrance Examination(s): The Computer Based Paramedicine Program Entrance Examination can be completed at the MCC Dobson & Southern Campus located in Building #38.

You can find more information and requirements for testing located here:

<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/healthcare-education/emergency-medical-services/paramedicine>

Oral Panel Interviews: November 30th 2020 - December 4th 2020 - May be completed virtually due to COVID-19 CDC Guidelines.

Accepted Student Notification: Monday, December 7th 2020 by 1700 (5:00pm)

**Mandatory Pre-Class Meeting:
"Friends & Family Night"** Thursday, December 10th 2020 @ 1800 (6:00pm) - May be completed virtually due to COVID-19 CDC Guidelines.

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:

COURSE CODE		CREDIT HRS	PRE-PARAMEDIC
PME190 - Intro to Pharmacology for Prehospital Professionals		3	<i>* AAS Degree Track Completion Requirement</i> <i>** Limited Experience Provider < 2 years verifiable EMS experience. Certificate of Completion Requirement</i>
PME191- Intro to ECG Analysis & Interpretation for EMS Professionals		3	
Total Credits Required for Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework		6	
College Registration Fee		\$15.00	
Tuition Fees (85.00 per c/h)		\$510.00	
Total Fee, Tuition & Lab Costs		\$525.00	
<p align="center">Pre-Paramedic Foundational Coursework – Offered Fall & Spring Semesters Only</p>			

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM BLOCK / COURSE COST ITEMIZATION BLOCK #1:

COURSE CODE		CREDIT HRS	PARAMEDIC BLOCK #1 SPRING 2020
BIO160 - Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology (Theory & Lab)		4	<p><i>AZDHS BTEMS PARAMEDIC PROGRAM 2021-2 COHORT (12 Calendar Month Program)</i></p> <p>* Students are required to attend classroom/lab sessions two (2) days per week on Mondays and Tuesdays from 0900-1800</p> <p>**Block #1 Student/Lab Fees include the student issued Ipad and E-books.</p>
PME240 - Pharmacology in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)		3	
PME250 - Comprehensive Patient Assessment in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)		1	
PME245 - Airway & Ventilatory Management in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)		3	
PME251 - Medical Emergencies in Paramedicine I (Theory & Lab)		4	
PME201 - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Initial Provider Course		1	
Total Credits - Block #1 (Fall Semester)		16 credits	
College Registration Fee		\$15.00	
Tuition Fees (\$85.00 per c/h)		\$1,360.00	
Student/Lab Fees (BIO & PME courses combined)		\$1,890.00	
Total Fee, Tuition & Lab Costs		\$3,250.00	
<p align="center">Paramedic Program Block #1 (Spring Semester 2021) – 16 Week Session Cohort 2021-2 = Start Tuesday, January 18th 2021 – Ends Tuesday, May 11th 2021 (tentative)</p>			

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM BLOCK / COURSE COST ITEMIZATION BLOCK #2:

COURSE CODE		CREDIT HRS	PARAMEDIC BLOCK #2 SUMMER 2021
PME252 Medical Emergencies in Paramedicine II (Theory & Lab)		4	<p><i>AZDHS BTEMS PARAMEDIC PROGRAM 2021-2 COHORT (12 Calendar Month Program)</i></p> <p>* Students are required to attend classroom/lab sessions two (2) days per week on Mondays and Tuesdays from 0900-1800</p> <p>**Block #2 also requires students to participate in scheduled clinical internship settings outside of the classroom and lab meeting times. These clinical internship schedules vary and include alternating day and night shift work.</p> <p>***Students are required to attend the Immersive Total Patient Management Experience which may include days scheduled outside of the standard classroom/lab schedule</p>
PME253 Medical Emergencies in Paramedicine III (Theory & Lab)		4	
PME202 Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Initial Provider Course		1	
PME203 Pediatric Emergencies for the Prehospital Professionals Initial Provider Course (PEPP)		1	
PME204 Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP) Initial Provider Course		0.5	
PME205 Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Initial Provider Course		1	
PME270 Immersive Total Patient Management Experience (Simulation Lab)		2	
PME280 Practicum Preparedness in Paramedicine		1	
PME281 Paramedicine Comprehensive Clinical Practicum (200 hours min)		2	
Total Credits - Block #2 (Spring Semester)		16.5 credits	
College Registration Fee		\$15.00	
Tuition Fees (\$85.00 per c/h)		\$1,402.50	
Student/Lab Fees (PME courses combined)		\$1,000.00	
Total Fee, Tuition & Lab Costs		\$2,417.50	
<p align="center">Paramedic Program Block #2 (Summer Sessions 2021) – 12 Week Session Cohort 2021-2 = Start Tuesday, June 1st 2021 – Ends Tuesday, August 17th 2021 (tentative)</p>			

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM BLOCK / COURSE COST ITEMIZATION BLOCK #3:

COURSE CODE		CREDIT HRS	PARAMEDIC BLOCK #3 FALL 2021
PME254 Technical Operations in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)		2.5	<p><i>AZDHS BTEMS PARAMEDIC PROGRAM 2021-2 COHORT (12 Calendar Month Program)</i></p> <p>* Students are required to attend classroom/lab sessions two (2) days per week on Mondays and Tuesdays from 0900-1800</p> <p>**Block #3 also requires students to participate in scheduled field internship settings outside of the classroom and lab meeting times. These field internship schedules vary and include alternating day and night shift work and possibly 10 to 48 hour continuous shift work in the prehospital environment. These shifts will be off-site at emergency service station locations in urban, suburban and rural areas of Arizona and Nevada.</p> <p>***Students are required to attend classroom/lab sessions multiple days per week Monday-Friday during the last two weeks of the Block #3 term. This includes program summative examinations, NREMT CBT & Psychomotor preparations and NREMT psychomotor examinations.</p>
PME260 Trauma Patient Management in Paramedicine (Theory & Lab)		2	
PME206 ITLS/PHTLS Initial Provider Course		1	
PME288 Comprehensive Field Internship Practicum (450 hours min.)		5	
PME289 National Paramedic Credentialing Preparation		2	
Total Credits - Block #3 (Summer Sessions)		12.5 credits	
College Registration Fee		\$15.00	
Tuition Fees (\$85.00 per c/h)		\$1,062.50	
Student/Lab Fees (PME courses combined)		\$450.00	
Total Fee, Tuition & Lab Costs		\$1,527.50	
<p align="center">Paramedic Program Block #3 (Fall Semester 2021) – 16 Week Session Cohort 2021-2 = Start Monday, August 23rd 2021 – Ends Thursday, December 16th 2021 (tentative) TENTATIVE NATIONAL REGISTRY PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMINATIONS: Friday, December 17th 2021 (tentative) TENTATIVE GRADUATION CEREMONY: Saturday, December 18th (tentative) @1500 (3:00pm) THE MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER</p>			

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM TUITION / LAB & MISC. FEES

Total Tuition & Lab Student Fees:	Tuition Fees	Lab Fees	
Block #1 - (SPRING Semester 2021)	\$1,360.00	\$1,890.00	16 WEEK SESSION
Block #2 - (SUMMER Sessions 2021)	\$1,402.50	\$1,000.00	12 WEEK SESSION
Block #3 - (FALL Semester 2021)	\$1,062.50	\$450.00	16 WEEK SESSION
Total Registration Fees	\$45.00		PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ONLY
Total Tuition Fees	\$3825.00		PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ONLY
Lab Fees Due Blocks #1 thru #3	\$3340.00		PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ONLY
Total Registration, Tuition & Lab Fees	\$7165.00		PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ONLY
Student Tuition	\$3,825.00	45 Credits x \$85.00 a credit hour <i>*Based upon established Fall 2018 Tuition Rate</i>	
Lab Fees	\$3,340.00	(includes AAOS Paramedic Text E-Book, JB Navigate Premier, FISDAP and student issued/owned IPAD tablet device)	
Registration Fees	\$45.00	\$15.00 MCC registration fee per semester	
Supplies	\$400.00 <i>*estimated</i>	Misc. Student Supplies <i>(OUT OF POCKET COST - NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION)</i>	
Castle Branch/My Clinical Exchange Fees (includes urine drug screening)	\$150.00 <i>*estimated</i>	Required clinical and field internship requirements software membership <i>(OUT OF POCKET COST - NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION)</i>	
DPS Background Check Fee (level one fingerprint clearance)	\$75.00 <i>*estimated</i>	Finger Print Clearance Card (Arizona DPS) <i>(OUT OF POCKET COST - NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION)</i>	
Student Lab/Clinical Scrub Uniform Fee	\$200.00 <i>*estimated</i>	Clinical Scrub Uniform (top & pants) – Average 2-3 sets per student & uniform zippered hoodie sweatshirt <i>(OUT OF POCKET COST - NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION)</i>	
Student Field Internship Uniform Fee	\$200.00 <i>*estimated</i>	Field Internship Uniform (tops & pants) Average 2 sets per student <i>(OUT OF POCKET COST - NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION)</i>	
NREMT CBT Testing/Application Fees	\$150.00 <i>*estimated</i>	Estimated NREMT Testing Fees <i>(OUT OF POCKET COST - NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION)</i>	
ESTIMATED Total Per Student Fee =	\$8,385.00	<i>*estimated out of pocket costs included</i> PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ONLY	