

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PARAMEDIC ACADEMY
APPLICATION

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FIRE, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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Program Description and Guidelines

EMSP Courses

All EMT-Paramedic Academy related courses are taught at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc, CA. All courses must be attended and completed with a grade of "C" or better.

- EMSP 323 – Theory 1
This 6-credit course covers the first half of the required theory of paramedic didactic education and training following the current Department of Transportation National Education Standards (NEMSES) and California Code of Regulations, Title 22. This includes cognitive content associated with the medical emergencies, special populations, and EMS operations.
- EMSP 324 – Laboratory 1 (Skills)
This 2-credit course includes psychomotor skills associated with the assessment and management of medical illnesses in the pre-hospital setting, including cardiovascular, respiratory, and special populations.
- EMSP 333 – Theory 2
This 4-credit course examines blunt and penetrating trauma to the human body. The course identifies the assessment findings of trauma pathophysiology and latest methods of treatment for all types of traumatic injuries.
- EMSP 334 – Laboratory 2 (Skills)
Provides the skills portion of the current Department of Transportation National Emergency Services Education Standards (NEMSES) and California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Includes psychomotor skills associated with preparatory, anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, airway management, patient assessment, and trauma patient management.
- EMSP 343 – Paramedic Clinical Practicum
The second phase of paramedic training is designed to provide supervised clinical application of cognitive knowledge and skills in acute patient care area for the paramedic student. Opportunities for increasing depth of skill performance and presentation of more advanced skills are provided.
- EMSP 353 – Paramedic Field Internship
The third and final phase of paramedic training allows the student to be assigned to an emergency response vehicle with a field preceptor to establish advanced life support patient care responsibilities. Each student must have a minimum of (40) advanced life support contacts during this course. Upon successful completion of this phase of training, the student will become eligible for state certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. AHC has affiliate agreements with various agencies in the tri-county area for field internship placement. Some agencies may charge an internship fee. The student is responsible for any fees charged by the agency for internship placement.
- EMS 309 – PHTLS (Date TBD)
This 1-credit course presents basic and advanced pre-hospital concepts and skills including rapid assessment of the critical trauma patient, treatment for shock, hypoxemia and rapid transport.

- EMS 321 – ACLS (Date TBD)

This 1-credit American Heart Association course covers the importance of preventing cardiac arrest, high-performance teams, early and continuous high-quality CPR, systems of care, recognition and intervention of cardiopulmonary arrest, post-cardiac arrest care, acute dysrhythmias, stroke, and acute coronary syndromes (ACS).

- EMS 322 – PALS (Date TBD)

This 1-credit American Heart Association course covers pediatric advanced cardiac life support care. This topic will discuss the advanced components of recognition and treatment of respiratory failure, shock, cardiopulmonary failure, and cardiac arrhythmias in children as well as testing your BLS provider skills in the pediatric population.

Applicant Eligibility and Prerequisites

- Applicants are chosen based on their application, education, and work experience. If accepted into the Academy, you are required to maintain your EMT certification for the entirety AHC Paramedic Academy program.
- A passing grade (C or greater) of AHC EMSP 300 (Anatomy and Physiology for Prehospital) or proof of equivalent course. To ensure the course will meet equivalency for AHC Paramedic Program, applicants must meet with a counselor and may be required to submit both a Course Outline and Course Syllabus to be reviewed by the EMS Department. Please see our EMS Webpage for a list of approved courses.
- You are required to take the Fisdap Paramedic Entrance Exam to assess your knowledge and critical thinking skills. Please email Sabrina Hrabe (sabrina.hrabe@hancockcollege.edu) to schedule the exam prior to application closing date. This exam must be proctored and will be given at the Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc. The Fisdap Exam Study guide is located on our [EMS Webpage](#). Payment must be made prior to the exam – [click here](#) to purchase exam. To be linked to AHC, please use this course ID: **C342C2**.
- Possess a current California valid state issued EMT certification and a current Healthcare Provider CPR card. Both must remain valid during your Paramedic courses.
- Provide documentation of 1000 hours as an EMT (ambulance, fire, hospital or stand-by) within the past 3 years.

Background Check and Immunization tracker (lifetime)

There will be a \$86 charge for a criminal background check and immunization tracker upon written acceptance into the academy. This criminal background check is intended to meet the new Title-22 regulations from the State of California that regulate denial and revocation of EMT certifications as well as mandated for students to perform clinicals. Your immunizations will require proof of immunization or a titer for the following: chickenpox (varicella), MMR (measles-mumps-rubella), and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis), Influenza and TB (see below). At this time, COVID is not required for clinical sites, however, that is subject to change at their discretion. An COVID exemption may be required to be kept on file with AHC.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants will be required to submit two letters of recommendation included in their application packet. These letters must be a professional recommendation or exemplify your strengths that relate to the field of first responders. If applicable, these letters should substantiate any listed related work experience. Both letters should include the writer's professional title, contact information, and signature.

TB Test (Due date and procedures will be discussed in your acceptance letter)

The tuberculosis (Tb) test must have been conducted within the past year to remain valid. Note: If current applicants are Allan Hancock College students, they may use the healthcare services that are offered on campus for their Tb test (\$5 fee). These services will be offered on both campuses in the Student Health Services Center. If you have a positive Tb in the past, a chest x-ray will be required.

Application Instructions (Read All Carefully)

Only typed applications will be accepted. Please return complete application to our office on or before [Friday, May 24th, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.](#) It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all pertaining documents arrive with their application packet. Your placement in the academy will be determined upon review of your application and supporting documents. **All supporting documents must be in your application package for you to be considered for the academy.**

In the event numerous applications are submitted for the limited spaces available, the following criteria will be utilized to determine acceptance status ranking:

- ◆ Education, both medically related courses and college level degrees.
- ◆ Students must have a minimum of 1000 hours of field experience with a primary "911" responder as an EMT with an emphasis on patient care. Equivalent experience may be considered. Submit a letter from your employer or experience documentation on the provided form on the AHC Webpage.
- ◆ Prior military service (submit documentation)
- ◆ Responses to essay questions will be assessed based on; thought, completeness, grammar, spelling, and neatness.

All applicants, accepted or denied, will be notified **via email** 1-2 weeks after the application deadline. A valid email account and telephone number must be included in your application along with your student H#. Once you enroll with Allan Hancock College, you are given an email account as well as a student ID (H#). Please check your my.hancockcollege.edu email frequently. **PLEASE UNDERSTAND: Registration will be blocked until you have been notified and your acceptance response to our department is received.**

A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Application
- Tell Us About Yourself (Please keep your answers within the lines provided - do not attach additional papers to answer these.)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Fisdap Paramedic Entrance Exam Score/Verification
- Copy of unofficial transcripts (college). (If applicable)
- Copy of the trade school, where you obtained your EMT-1 (Basic). (If applicable)
- Documentation of EMT work hours (letter from supervisor) 1,000 hours within past 3 years.
- Copy of your *current* EMT-1 (Basic) certification - California.
- Copy of your *current* AHA BLS Provider certification.

Incomplete applications are placed at the bottom of the applications. Background check, TB Test and Immunizations will have a strict deadline date provided in Academy Acceptance letter. Obtain your immunization records today!

Note: Please turn in Pages 5-7 ONLY and all supporting documents with packet. TYPED APPLICATIONS ONLY!!!

Mail or deliver application packet to:

Public Safety Training Complex
Attn: EMS Department: Paramedic Application
One Hancock Drive
Lompoc, CA 93436



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Tell Us about Yourself

1. What drives you toward this profession (Paramedicine)? Was this plan always there or did an event effect your pathway toward this field.

2. During your experience as an EMT how did you manage the stress? Such as the death of a patient(s), pediatric arrest or abuse, conflict with your partner or another first responder on scene? Provide 2 examples.

1.

2.

3. What skills and attributes do you bring to the field that are your “superpowers”?



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4. Describe how you will manage and succeed in this intensive academy?

5. How do you look at and handle failure? Explain

Thank you for taking the time to complete these questions. We hope by completing this it will also give you some "food for thought."