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APPLICATION FOR
SPRING 2010 IS DUE FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 2009

PARAMEDIC APPLICATION PACKET FOR SPRING 2010 PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System provides medical care to community members who are sick or injured. The goal of the ARC program is to prepare individuals to render pre-hospital advanced life support within an organized EMS system. Paramedics respond to emergencies in the pre-hospital setting and render basic and advanced medical treatment before and during transport. In addition to the certification program, students have the option of taking courses, which will lead to the Associate in Science degree.

The American River College Paramedic program has a variety of paramedic academy options:

The **full-time** program begins each spring semester and requires students to meet on campus three days a week (8 hours per day). The full-time program is a 12-month program.

The **part-time** program begins each fall semester and requires students to meet on campus two nights a week, with completion of the program in four semesters.

The Paramedic program also offers paramedic academies that have unique and varied schedules. Please check the American River College schedule for the most up-to-date listing of our paramedic offerings.

Startup program costs are approximately \$1,200.00. The student is responsible for providing uniforms, laboratory fees, malpractice insurance, necessary equipment, and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. All costs/fees are subject to change.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications are available from the Health and Education Division office, or the American River College paramedic website at <http://web.arc.losrios.edu/edhealth/paramed.html>.

Spring 2010 (Full-Time) Admission: Applications are currently available and are due in the Health and Education Division office by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 4, 2009.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT TO THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

1. Graduation from an accredited high school in the United States, or successful completion of the General Education Development (GED), or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) prior to time of application:
 - a) Students with a high school diploma from a school outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) approved independent agency. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.
 - b) Students who possess an Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree or higher from an accredited college are exempt from the educational requirement stated above.
 - c) Students who have attended college outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency, demonstrating AA/AS degree or higher. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.

2. Current certification as an EMT-Basic and approximately one year verified recent and appropriate EMS experience. Students with minimal EMT experience may augment their experience using (PMED 102 Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, Pre-hospital Field Internship, with a grade of "C" or better) or equivalent courses. Questions related to EMS experience must be directed to Dr. Grant Goold, Program Coordinator, at 484-8843. The program admissions committee will assess experience and/or equivalency. NOTE: PMED 102 has a prerequisite of PMED 101 Pre-paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Skills.
3. A cumulative college GPA of 2.0 and a grade of "C" or better in the following prerequisites: a) BIOL 102 or BIOL 430 and BIOL 431, or other college human anatomy and physiology course with a lab which includes all human systems; and b) PMED 105 or NURSE 320
4. A current Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet
NOTE: For the initial evaluation of all transcripts and previous coursework and to determine if the above eligibility requirements have been met, an appointment must be scheduled with an ARC counselor at (916) 484-8572. For course equivalency of pre-paramedic and degree major courses completed outside of the Los Rios Community College District, students must provide course descriptions.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE (36.5-43.5 UNITS)

BIOL 102 or BIOL 430 and BIOL 431, PMED 105 or NURSE 320, PMED 110, 120, and 130

Prerequisites	Full-Time Course Sequence for Certificate
BIOL 102 <u>or</u> BIOL 430* and BIOL 431 PMED 105 <u>or</u> NURSE 320 (*BIOL 430 has a chemistry prerequisite) These courses may be taken concurrently but <u>prior</u> to enrolling in PMED 110.	Semester I PMED 110 Semester II PMED 120 Semester III PMED 130

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AS DEGREE IN PARAMEDIC AT AMERICANT RIVER COLLEGE

BIOL 102 or (BIOL 430 and BIOL 431), PMED 105 or NURSE 320, PMED 110, 120, and 130

Prerequisites	Full-Time Course Sequence for Degree Major	Additional Graduation Requirements
BIOL 102 <u>or</u> BIOL 430* and BIOL 431 PMED 105 <u>or</u> NURSE 320 (*BIOL 430 has a chemistry prerequisite) These courses may be taken concurrently but <u>prior</u> to enrolling in PMED 110.	Semester I PMED 110 Semester II PMED 120 Semester III PMED 130	Humanities Social and Behavioral Sciences Language and Rationality Living Skills Ethnic/Multicultural Studies Competency in Reading and Math

To graduate with the Associate Science degree, a student must complete all of the required courses for the Paramedic program and fulfill general education requirements. Associate Science degrees in (Paramedic) are only provided to students who successfully complete all courses listed for the degree major at American River College.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Students who are interested in applying for the Paramedic program should begin preparing and **PLANNING AHEAD** as soon as possible by requesting and/or compiling the support documents in Item 3 below to be evaluated and included in the application packet. This process may take several weeks.
2. As soon as you have your paperwork together, call the ARC Counseling department at (916) 484-8572 no **later than Friday, November 20, 2009** to schedule an appointment to obtain a Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet for the program. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.**
3. **Student Checklist:** The following documents must be brought to the counseling appointment:
 - ___ High school transcript with graduation date highlighted, GED Scores, CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency, or proof of AA/AS degree or higher
 - ___ Current EMT-Basic card **and** Professional Rescuer or BLS Healthcare Provider card (**bring original cards**)
 - ___ If applicable, verification of EMT-Basic experience with supportive documentation to include hours of patient contact, description of contacts, and validation from supervisor on original agency letterhead. Do not include observational experiences only.
 - ___ All college transcripts:
 - Unofficial** transcripts from the Los Rios Community College District (ARC, CRC, FLC, SCC)
 - Official (sealed)** transcripts from schools outside the Los Rios Community College District
 - ___ **NOTE:** All transcripts must accompany your application; do not have them mailed separately to Admissions & Records or the Counseling department.
 - ___ Copies of course descriptions of prerequisite classes completed outside the Los Rios Community College District for evaluation of equivalency. Descriptions must show clear page numbers, year, and catalog identification.
 - ___ Completed application for Paramedic program
4. At the counseling appointment, the counselor will determine if educational requirements and paramedic prerequisites have been met. Pre-paramedic courses that are in progress will also be noted. In addition, the counselor will evaluate your progress toward graduation requirements (if applicable) and coursework from other colleges for equivalency to ARC courses. The Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet will be completed during this appointment.
5. Submit **complete** packet and support documentation to the Health and Education office. (See "Counselor Checklist" on application). The counselor will sign your application if complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Only students who meet the educational pre-paramedic requirements and follow the procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all of these requirements does not guarantee enrollment in the program.
2. Class size will be limited. If the pool is greater than the program can accept, students are chosen based on a computerized random selection process from among the qualified candidates.

ACCEPTANCE

1. Students will receive notification of acceptance by mail approximately two (2) weeks after the submission deadline. Please do not call Admissions & Records, the Health and Education office, or the Counseling department, as phone verification will not be provided.
2. Students accepted into the program must provide the following program-approved requirements, **at their own expense**, prior to completion of PMED 110 (Full-Time) or PMED 111 (Part-Time):
 - a. Health History & Report of Medical Examination with required inoculations
 - b. Drug screening test (non-refundable)
 - c. Current CPR certification (Professional Rescuer from American Red Cross or BLS Healthcare Provider from American Heart Association)
 - d. Proof of malpractice insurance (not refundable)
 - e. Background check required by clinical facilities (non-refundable)



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FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT

Please Print or Type:

1. Name _____ LRCCD Student ID No. _____
Last First Middle

Previous last name(s) that may appear on your records: _____

Mailing Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Nos.: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____ Email _____

2. High school last attended _____ City, State _____

Did you graduate? Yes _____ No _____ If no, GED or CHSPE? _____ *Applicant must provide unofficial U. S. high school transcript, GED scores, or CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency*

Colleges Attended (including ARC, CRC, FLC, and SCC) *Applicant must provide official transcripts and course catalog descriptions for class equivalency evaluation for colleges outside of Los Rios Community College District*

Name of Institution Date	City and State	Dates of Attendance	Units	Degree Received &
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Have you been licensed to practice in any field of health care? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe: Licensed as _____

License No. _____ Date Licensed _____ Expiration Date _____

4. Person to be notified in case of emergency: Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Nos.: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

5. _____
Applicant Signature Date

STUDENTS: Please provide the following information regarding prerequisite courses for course work validation.

Prerequisite Courses	Name of College Where Completed	Course Name & Number	Semester & Year Completed	Grade Points (OFFICE USE ONLY)
BIOL 102 <u>or</u>				
BIOL 430 and BIOL 431				
PMED 105 <u>or</u> NURSE 320				

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Cumulative College GPA (2.0) _____

COUNSELOR CHECKLIST

A complete application packet must include the following items:

1. _____ Transcript with graduation date highlighted from an accredited high school in the United States, GED Scores, CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency, or AA/AS degree or higher documented on an accredited college transcript. Transcripts from a high school or college outside of the United States must be evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency.
2. _____ **Current** copy of: a) EMT-Basic card and b) Professional Rescuer or BLS Healthcare Provider card (**must show** original documents)
3. _____ If applicable, verification of EMT-Basic experience with supportive documentation on original agency letterhead
4. _____ It is the student's responsibility to submit the "Final Grade Verification" form to the Health and Education office by the end of the semester if a prerequisite course is being completed. The Final Grade Verification form is available at the Health and Education Office or at <http://web.arc.losrios.edu/edhealth/paramed.html>.
5. _____ All college transcripts:
UNOFFICIAL transcripts from colleges within the Los Rios Community College District (ARC, SCC, CRC, FLC)
OFFICIAL (sealed) transcripts from schools outside the Los Rios Community College District
6. _____ Course descriptions for equivalency from classes completed outside of Los Rios Community College District. (Descriptions must show clear page numbers, year, and catalog identification)
7. _____ Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet (from counseling visit)
8. _____ Enrollment application completed in its entirety

Counselor's Signature

Date

(Print Name)

Your complete application packet **must be received** in the Health and Education Division office, Room 770, by 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2009. If you wish to send your application by mail, please send it to: **American River College, Health and Education Division Office, Paramedic Program, 4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841-4286**. American River College will not be responsible for applications lost in the mail.

NOTE: If any item is missing, the application packet will not be processed and will be returned to applicant.

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Demographic Survey

(Confidential Use Only)

The information below is requested for compliance with United States Department of Education reporting procedure. This data will be used for statistical purposes only and will be kept separate from your application.

I. ETHNICITY (Please check one)

- American Indian/ Alaskan Native (1)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (2)
- Black (not of Hispanic Origin) (3)
- White (not of Hispanic Origin) (4)
- Hispanic (5)
- Filipino (6)
- Other _____ (7)
- Decline to provide (8)

II. GENDER (Please check one)

- Male
- Female

III. AGE

Thank you for your assistance.

American River College does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, or sex.