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PARAMEDIC PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

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 full 12-month program.

The **part-time** program began in fall 2008. This program requires students to attend 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.

Students are responsible for providing uniforms, special equipment packets, and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. Start-up costs are approximately \$1,200.00, which includes student fees, books, background check, malpractice insurance, uniforms, and lab fees. Check the [Enrollment and Tuition Fees](#) for current student fees. Financial aid questions should be directed to the Financial Aid Office on campus (484-8437).

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-ENROLLMENT TO THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

In order to apply to the Paramedic program, the following prerequisites must be completed:

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. Questions related to EMS experience must be directed to Dr. Grant Gould, Program Coordinator, at 484-8843. The program admissions committee will assess experience and/or equivalency.
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.

APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

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>.

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Accelerated Program Admission (Early August 2008): Application to this program is now closed.

Part-time Program Admission (Fall 2008): Application to this program is now closed.

Spring 2009 (Full-Time) Admission: Applications will be available the first week of September and are due in the Health and Education Division office by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 5, 2008.

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE: PARAMEDIC

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

Prerequisites	Course Sequence for Degree Major	Additional Graduation Requirements*
BIOL 102 or BIOL 430* and BIOL 431 PMED 105 or NURSE 320 (*BIOL 430 has a chemistry prerequisite) These courses may be taken concurrently <u>prior</u> to 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 in Science Degree, a student must complete all of the required courses for the Paramedic program and fulfill general education requirements.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

1. Only students who meet the educational pre-enrollment requirements and follow the pre-enrollment 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 pre-enrollment pool is greater than the program can accept, students are chosen based on a computerized random selection process from among the qualified candidates.
3. Students accepted into the program must provide the following program-approved requirements, **at their own expense**, prior to completion of PMED 110:
 - a. Health History & Report of Medical Examination with required inoculations
 - b. Drug screening test
 - c. Current CPR certification (Professional Rescuer from American Red Cross or BLS Healthcare Provider from American Heart Association)
 - d. Proof of malpractice insurance (malpractice insurance is not refundable)
 - e. Background check (required by clinical facilities)