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PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM

Application Process for Program Admission



The OSU-OKC Paramedicine program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).



OSU-OKC Paramedicine Program Mission Statement

To educate students in the profession of Paramedicine, thereby enabling them to provide the highest level of prehospital care, professionalism, and leadership.



Core Values

Our core values include but are not limited to:

- **Integrity** – Consistently honest and trustworthy
- **Compassion** – Understanding and caring about the suffering of others
- **Accountability** – Maintaining responsibility for your actions and mistakes
- **Respect** – Being polite and behaving in a manner that brings credit to the profession
- **Empathy** - Calm, compassionate, and helpful demeanor towards those in need

Program Goals

- To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels.”
- Maintain 1st time pass rates on the NREMT ALS cognitive and psychomotor exams above 90%
- Maintain job placement for paramedic students above 90%
- Maintain a retention rate of greater than 70% for paramedic students

Assessed Program Outcomes

- Interpret basic arrhythmias and basic 12-lead ECG.
- Understand the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of prehospital emergency medications.
- Discuss essential concepts of crew resource management.
- Successfully manage the airway of an emergency patient
- Demonstrate the ability to function as a paramedic Team Leader in an emergency setting.

The Paramedicine Program now utilizes a selective application process that includes the following steps:

1. Apply to the school here <http://www.osuokc.edu/enroll> and make sure we have your transcripts. Once you receive an acceptance letter from the school you would need to **complete the testing and application process listed below.**
2. Schedule your exam with the OSUOKC testing center here <https://osuokc.edu/assessment/schedule-exam> There may be a fee that the testing center charges
3. When you arrive at the testing center you will need to follow the below process at the beginning of your appointment
 - a. Signing up for EMStesting.com
 - i. Visting www.EMSTesting.com
 - ii. Click “create a student account” in the top right
 - iii. Enter your information
 1. There is not a reference ID
 2. Profession is EMS
 3. Course code is **5BVX5** – There is a \$5 charge for EMStesting.com at this point to create this account
 4. After you have completed your account creation and verified your account you will see a screen that says “pending school review.” At this point, the testing center employee will approve your account.
 - iv. Once logged in, you will see “current assessments” to your left. You will complete ALL of the assessments/exams on the screen **except for the paramedic entry assessment (AEMT level).**
4. Once you have completed your paramedic entrance exams you will then complete the paramedic application here <https://forms.gle/kDyvv1uJWYtrguPk9>

Following completion of your application, your packet will be reviewed and an interview will be scheduled.

Paramedicine Admission Points

Application process timelines

Paramedic start Spring (traditional)

- Application opens August 1st
- Applications must be submitted no later than December 10th
- Applicants will be notified individually for interview dates and times
- Top 24 applicants notified of admission status no later than the last day of winter term (approx. December 20th)
- Accepted students must be enrolled by January 10th
- Mandatory Orientation for all accepted students on the Thursday prior to classes beginning

Paramedic start Fall (Hybrid)

- Application opens February 1
- Applications must be submitted no later than July 1st
- Applicants will be notified individually for interview dates and times
- Top 24 applicants notified of admission status no later than August 1st
- Accepted students must be enrolled by August 10th
- Mandatory Orientation for all accepted students on the Thursday prior to classes beginning

Admission Point Calculation Guidelines

CRITERIA

GPA

- GPA in courses required for the Paramedicine Science degree.
- Minimum GPA of 2.50 required.

POINT DISTRIBUTION

- 4.00-3.50 = 30 points
- 3.49-3.00 = 20 points
- 2.99-2.50 = 10 points
- 2.49 or less = 0 point

Required non-science courses completed:

- Student earns one (1) point for each credit hour completed with a "C" or better in non-science courses required for the Paramedicine Science degree.
- Student may earn one (1) point for each course taken at OSU-OKC, OSU-Stillwater, or OSU-IT, up to five (5) bonus points.

POINT DISTRIBUTION

- 21 possible hours = Up to 21 points
- 5 courses at OSU-System Schools at 1 point per course = up to 5 bonus points.

Required science courses completed:

- Science courses required for the major: BIOL 1212, BIOL 1515, and PSIO 2311.
- Student earns points for earned grades in required sciences courses completed with a "C" or better.

- Student may earn two (2) points for each course taken at OSU-OKC, OSU-Stillwater, or OSU-IT, up to eight (8) bonus points.

Required paramedicine courses completed:

- Student earns points for earned grades in required paramedicine courses completed with a "C" or better.
 - EMSP1143, EMSP1148, EMSP1263, EMSP1234

POINT DISTRIBUTION

- 4 possible courses = Up to 16 points
- "A" = 4 points
- "B" = 3 points
- "C" = 2 points
- 4 science courses at OSU-System schools at 2 points per course = up to 8 bonus points.

Pre-admission EMT assessment:

Student earns points based on their pre-admission exam test scores. Students will take the following assessments through the OSU-OKC testing center only. Details on each assessment are found at the end of this document.

There are a total of 7 assessments:

1. Paramedic Entry Assessment (EMT Entry Level)
2. Professional Characteristic Assessment
3. Reading Level Assessment
4. Student Motivation Assessment
5. Test Anxiety Assessment
6. Learning Style Assessment
7. EMT-P Math assessment

Students can take the exam three (3) times per testing cycle with two (2) weeks in between, not to exceed six (6) times a year.

Exam results are valid for three (3) years.

There is no limit to the number of times an applicant may apply for admission to the OSU-OKC Paramedicine Program

Please visit the Testing and Assessment Center's website for more information and to schedule your assessments.

*Note: Frequently repeated testing is discouraged as it is not a good indication of your readiness. For the results to be meaningful to you and for admissions purposes, we limit testing to three times per testing cycle and six times per year. We are requiring a two-week waiting period for retesting to allow for additional preparation time for the exam.

POINT DISTRIBUTION

Next-Generation Accuplacer.

Each subject can receive up to 5 points for a maximum of 15 points.

- 285-300 = 5 points
- 266-284 = 3 points
- 260-265 = 1 point
- <260 = 0 point

Experiential Preference Points:

- Any student with EMT licensure will receive:
 - < 1 year experience = one (1) preference point. *
 - >1 year experience = two (2) preference points. *
 - >2 years' experience = three (3) preference points. *
 - >3 years' experience = four (4) preference points. *
 - >4 years' experience = five (5) preference points. *
- Any student with LPN licensure will receive one (1) preference point. *
- Any student with RN (or equivalent) licensure will receive five (5) preference points. *
- Previous college degree (maximum of 5 points). Points only awarded for the highest degree
 - Associate Degree (AA, AS, AAS)
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Master's Degree and above

*To receive these points, applicants must submit proof of licensure/certification and a resume with their application.

- EMT = 1 point
- LPN = 1 point
- RN = 3 points (plus the 3 for Associate's below)
- Master's Degree or higher = 8 points
- Bachelor's Degree = 6 points
- Associate's Degree = 3 points

Interview:

Panel Interview

- 100 points

TOTAL POINTS

Entrance exam and assessment information

1. Paramedic Entry Assessment (EMT Entry Level)
 - a. This test is considered a formal summative exam of your knowledge at the EMT level. It evaluates your ability to manage simulated patients given a particular problem.
2. Professional Characteristic Assessment
 - a. This assessment is only a survey
3. Reading Level Assessment
 - a. In at least 125 words, please write a letter or create an essay on why you have selected this potential career path.
4. Student Motivation Assessment
 - a. This is not a test, exam, screening tool or personality evaluation. This assessment is designed to identify your motivation for entering the field and to create appropriate incentives for success. The questions are frequently scenario based and require you to answer with your first thought and/or rate it by a sliding scale.
5. Test Anxiety Assessment
 - a. This is not a test, exam, screening tool or personality evaluation. This assessment is designed to identify individuals who may have potential challenges with Test Anxiety. The questions are frequently scenario based and require you to answer with your first thought and then rate it by a sliding scale.
6. Learning Style Assessment
 - a. This is not a test, exam, screening tool or personality evaluation. This assessment is designed to identify individuals learning styles so that classroom lectures, hands-on practice, and other experiences can be tailored to your educational preferences. The questions are frequently scenario based and require you to answer with your first thought and/or rate it by a sliding scale.
7. EMT-P Math assessment
 - a. This exam is designed to evaluate your cognitive abilities related to scientific mathematics and medical calculations before you have started an EMS training program.