

Thank you for applying to the Paramedic Program at Columbia Basin College.

A CAAHEP Accredited Paramedic program that follows the National EMS Education Standards for Paramedics. The course includes approximately 450 hours of academic learning along with 1,500 – 2,000 hours of concurrent hospital and field internship experience. During your paramedic education, you will become certified in (AHA) Advanced Cardiac Life Support, (AHA) Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Upon successful completion of your paramedic training, you will be eligible to take the National Registry of EMT's Paramedic Exam. The program is designed to last a continuous 18 months or 6 quarters.

A paramedic program will start in January and June of each calendar year. Applications for the January cohort will be due in August/September, while applications for the June cohort will be due in February/March, see table below for exact dates. This application is intended for both the January 2025 and the June 2025 application process.

Minimum Application Requirements Include:

1. The applicant must be a current student at CBC or apply for admission. If you are not currently a student at CBC, you may apply on the CBC website by going to www.columbiabasin.edu/apply.
2. The applicant must be at least 18 years old by the beginning of the course.
3. Provide evidence of a high school diploma or equivalency.
4. The Columbia Basin College Paramedic program is limited to only emergency medical personnel who can verify certification of one-year EMT or equivalent as per WAC 246-976- 0471.
5. Proof of completion of one of the following options for an anatomy and physiology course (s), prior to the start of the program. You may be enrolled in a course during the application period as long as the course is completed prior to the start of the program. If a course is not complete before the application deadline, a written explanation of when you expect to be complete must be provided, as well as a current course grade at the time of application. It is highly recommended that the A&P course is complete prior to the entrance assessment.
 - **Option #1:** Completion of the corexcel A&P online course with a grade of 2.0 or better. This course meets the minimum requirements for A&P entry into the paramedic certificate program only. It will not provide college level credit towards the AAS degree and should only be taken if you are applying for the paramedic certificate program.
 - **Option #2:** Completion of BIO 241 with lab, and BIO 242 with lab at Columbia Basin College or an equivalent from another accredited institution. If seeking equivalent, a minimum of 10 credits of Anatomy & Physiology must be transferrable to CBC with a 2.0 GPA or greater. A copy of your unofficial transcript must be submitted with this application. The actual transfer of the credits does not have to be completed until full acceptance has been granted.
6. English:
 - There is not a prerequisite for English 101 to enter the certificate or the AAS Paramedicine program, however, completion of ENG 101 is strongly encouraged.
7. Math:
 - At minimum, completion of Math 50 (previously known as Math 94, Math 95, or Math 98) with a 2.0 or greater. If you have completed a higher level of math, that would be acceptable. Or, if you have completed an AAS or BS degree that included a math course, that would be acceptable.
8. Attendance of a paramedic information session.

Application Review:

After reviewing applications, eligible candidates will be notified via email where to report for the entrance assessment. There will be a \$35.00 fee to register for the entrance assessment, do not send a fee with the application; instructions will be included in the notification email on how to register for the entrance assessment. Please check your CBC Student Email regularly during the application period. All Communications will be via CBC Student Email.

Entrance Assessment:

You may choose to prepare for the entrance assessment, which will measure cognitive mastery of the following topics.

1. Anatomy –questions ranging from basic to challenging.
2. Physiology –questions ranging from basic to challenging.
3. Math – decimals, division, fractions, multiplication
4. EMT content to include airway, cardiac, medical emergencies, OB-GYN, pediatrics, operations, trauma
5. Reading comprehension

Help in preparing for the entrance assessment:

The entrance exam will reflect pre-requisite learning material. A&P review from previous course work is expected. The prerequisite math courses should be adequate, however a review using [Khan Academy](#) has been helpful for some. In addition, EMT preparation using the [FISDAP EMT Study Tools](#) been helpful. Be sure to use the EMT student tools, not the Paramedic. This is EMT content on the exam. Historically, the EMT questions are the lowest scoring section so please prepare accordingly.

Interview:

1. After taking the entrance assessment, candidates will sit for an interview. We typically schedule interviews the same day as the entrance assessment unless the number of candidates exceeds the available time. In that case you may be asked to return on another day. Please plan to block out the whole day of the assessment center for availability.

Acceptance Criteria:

Maturity of judgment, sound moral character, and health status, which provide reasonable assurance that the applicant will meet the physical and mental demands of the paramedic occupation, are important characteristics that will be assessed in the acceptance procedure.

An admissions screening committee will review each applicant using the following criteria:

1. Written score on the entrance assessment using a defined rubric (50% overall score)
2. In person interview (Interview process 50% overall score)

If, because of the entrance exam and interview process and review by the selection committee, two applicants scores result in a tie, consideration to affiliation of the candidate will be considered. Preference will be awarded to the applicant whose agency provides contracted internship opportunities for CBC students. Additionally, In the case of a tie, the GPA from the similar A & P course (s) will be used, then overall GPA.

Conditional Acceptance:

All successful applicants will be provided a conditional acceptance letter with information regarding completion of the background check and urine drug screen testing. Each applicant must then complete a satisfactory background check and urine drug screen to be fully accepted and registered in the Paramedic program.

The background check & drug screen will be paid by the student via the college approved vendor.

Once fully accepted into the program, the successful applicant will need to have all academic transcripts from other institutions transferred to CBC.

Immunizations/CPR and Course Costs:

Accepted applicants will be provided instructions for obtaining immunizations prior to the start of the program. Please contact Kathy Hayes at khayes@columbiabasin.edu if you have questions about immunizations prior to acceptance.

Accepted applicants are required to have an American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR certification. A BLS-CPR course will be arranged for accepted students to attend prior to the start of the program. The cost of the BLS provider CPR course will be paid by the applicant at the time of registration for the CPR course.

Program costs are estimated at \$12,500 for a WA State resident not including room and board. This is an estimated cost which includes the following, over the length of the program:

- Tuition/Student fees/malpractice insurance for 6 quarters
- Entrance exam /immunizations/background check/urine drug screening
- Uniforms
- Books/lap top computer
- Subscription testing services
- ACLS/PALS course fees
- Certification testing fees

Application Deadlines:

Program applications must be received via email by noon on the designated due date.

Program Start	Applications available	Applications Due by noon	Entrance Assessment	Program Finish
January 2, 2025	Currently	August 30, 2024	September 12, 2024	June 2026
June 23, 2025	Currently	February 28, 2025	March 13, 2025	December 2026

Applicants must submit the following documentation with the application. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED UNLESS ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE ON FILE. You may use the following as a checklist.

A completed program application.	
A photocopy of valid driver's license.	
EMT Card or equivalency credential (proof of previous or current EMT certification).	
Copy of high school diploma/transcript or equivalent (GED).	
Copies of unofficial transcripts showing A & P and math courses, or a letter of explanation if currently enrolled in courses, with a completion scheduled prior to the program start date.	
An essay, 3-5 pages which should include the following components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe how have you prepared yourself and family (if applicable) to meet the time demands of the program and the profession. 2. Why do you want to become a paramedic? 3. What are your expectations of the field of pre-hospital medicine? 4. Discuss your personal strengths and weaknesses and how those can be an asset to EMS. 5. What are your career plans after paramedic school, long-term goals? 	
Three letters of recommendation, each from a different person with the following perspective of you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal character reference • Employer reference from a previous supervisor or co-worker • EMS related reference from a peer, instructor, or supervisor 	

Completed applications and all supporting documentation should be emailed to emsapplications@columbiabasin.edu as a **single** .pdf document. The subject line should include your name and the program for which you are applying i.e. "Jack Hansen - January 2025 Paramedic".

Paramedic Program Application**Applicant**Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #_____
City State ZIP Code_____
Mobile Phone CBC Student Email (required)

CBC Student ID #: _____

Are you over 18 years of age? yes no Ever been convicted of a felony? yes noAre you currently an EMT? yes no How long have you been an EMT? _____Do you have previous health care experience? yes no Explain: _____

Where did you train as an EMT? _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? yes no Diploma: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? yes no Diploma: _____

Other: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? yes no Diploma: _____

References

Please list three professional references.

Full Name: _____ Email: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Full Name: _____ Email: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Full Name: _____ Email: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

EMS/Fire Department Affiliate Information-Employer/Sponsor

Affiliate Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ May we contact your supervisor for a reference? yes no

Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Chief Officer: _____ Date: _____

Military Service (leave blank if NA)

Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____

If other than honorable, explain: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to employment, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMT Equivalent Information:

If applying for the Paramedic program and you do not have a current or past certification as an EMT or higher, you may apply for an equivalency status if one of the following conditions are satisfied:

- a) You are prior military and were in an MOS or AFSC, (i.e.: Navy Corpsman, Army Field Medic, etc.) in which you received pre-hospital type training, but were never certified as an EMT or higher, or
- b) Work in a medical position that has exposure to or is very familiar with pre-hospital type medicine;
1. i.e.: ER Nurse, ER Physician, etc., or
- c) Are from a country in which you were certified as a pre-hospital care provider, but are not certified in the United States as an EMT.

If you meet one of the above criteria, please write a short statement identifying which of the above equivalences you would like to receive credit and include that statement with your application.

In order to receive an equivalency status, you must accomplish the following tasks prior to taking the paramedic entrance exam:

- A. Take the CBC EMT Exam and obtain a passing grade of 75%.
- B. Perform 3 skills identified in the EMT Curriculum, to be chosen by CBC staff.
- C. Provide documentation validating your position in the US Military, other health occupation, or country.