

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

A CAAHEP Accredited Paramedic program that follows the 2022 WA State EMS Approved Skills for Paramedic as well as the 2021 National EMS Education Standard Instructional Guidelines for Paramedics (NHTSA). 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 valid for both the January 2026 and the June 2026 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](http://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 as an EMT in WA State or NREMT.
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 if 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. Math: Completion of Math 50 with a 2.0 or greater or testing placement into college level math. If you have completed college level math that would be preferred,
7. Attend a paramedic information session: There are several sessions scheduled each quarter, visit the [CBC event search](#) under the category of "school of Health Sciences" to find the most up to date list of session.

**Optional but strongly encouraged:**

8. 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.
9. Medical Terminology: Completion of a Medical Terminology course such as HSCI 147 is strongly recommended prior to the start of the program.

**Application Review:**

After reviewing applications, eligible candidates will be notified via CBC 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 regarding registration 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 should 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 (Math 050) should be adequate, however a review using [Khan Academy](#) has been helpful for some. In addition, EMT preparation using the [FISDAP EMT Study Tools](#) or [EMT review.com](#) has 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:**

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.

**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)

Affiliated applicants whose agency provides contracted internship opportunities who receive a passing score in steps 1 and 2 (above) will have 5% added to their overall score.

If, because of the entrance exam and interview process, two applicants scores result in a tie, consideration to affiliation of the candidate will be considered.

**Conditional Acceptance:**

All successful applicants will be provided a conditional acceptance letter with information regarding completion of the background check and drug screen testing. Each applicant must then complete a satisfactory background check and drug screen to be fully accepted and able to register 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](mailto: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 the first few weeks of the program.

Program costs are estimated @ \$12,500 for a WA State resident not including room and board. This is an approximated 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/laptop 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 5, 2026	Currently	September 2, 2025	September 2025 date TBA	June 2027
June 29, 2026	Currently	March 5, 2026	March 2026 date TBA	December 2027

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"> <li>1. Describe how have you prepared yourself and family (if applicable) to meet the time demands of the program and the profession.</li> <li>2. Why do you want to become a paramedic?</li> <li>3. What are your expectations of the field of pre-hospital medicine?</li> <li>4. Discuss your personal strengths and weaknesses and how those can be an asset to EMS.</li> <li>5. What are your career plans after paramedic school, long-term goals?</li> </ol>	
Three letters of recommendation, each from a different person with the following perspective of you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal character reference</li> <li>• Employer reference from a previous supervisor or co-worker</li> <li>• EMS related reference from a peer, instructor, or supervisor</li> </ul>	

Completed applications and all supporting documentation should be emailed to [emsapplications@columbiabasin.edu](mailto: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 2026 Paramedic".

**Paramedic Program Application**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Mobile Phone CBC Student Email

CBC Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 18 years of age? ☐ yes ☐ no Ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ yes ☐ no

Are 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Military Professionals Information:**

Military personnel working in emergency medical services occupations are required to complete EMS training consistent with national EMS standards and to hold a current NREMT certification. Based on the department's (DOH) review of emergency medicine competency, these people meet the education requirements in Washington and may qualify for certification in Washington state if the applicant meets the additional requirements outlined in WAC 246-976- 142.

(Reference Military Education Equivalency to EMT 2020, ESSB 6168 (221) (60))

Military personnel should work with the Department of Health to determine requirements for obtaining their EMT certification. CBC may waive the one-year EMT requirement once WA State certification is obtained.

Columbia Basin College complies with the spirit and letter of state and federal laws, regulations, and executive orders to ensure equal opportunity in education, participation in college activities, and employment. CBC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, parental or family status, marital status, sex or gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, genetic information, honorably discharged veteran or military status, perceived or actual sensory, mental, or physical disabilities, use of a trained guide dog or other service animal allowed by law, or any other prohibited basis. CBC refers any questions or complaints to Vice President for Human Resources & Legal Affairs and CBC's Title IX/EEO Coordinator by email at [vphr@columbiabasin.edu](mailto:vphr@columbiabasin.edu) or by telephone at 509-542-5548. If you are a student who requires an accommodation, please contact CBC Disability Support Services at 509-542-4412 or the Washington Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-833-6384. This notice is available in alternative media by request.