Overview

Missoula College of the University of Montana implemented a new Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in paramedicine, which began in Fall Semester 2020. The college has partnered with Missoula Emergency Services, Inc. (MESI) to provide this 16-month program. Applications for each fall admission are opened every spring – please email Dan.Funsch@umontana.edu.

The Paramedicine AAS program at Missoula College prepares students to provide emergency medical care to victims of illness, accident or injury, assessing patients and performing critical medical interventions. As members of the allied healthcare team, Paramedics work as part of a comprehensive EMS response, applying their advanced knowledge of human anatomy and physiology to provide advanced life support care to patients.

Paramedics are employed by ambulance services, fire departments, within hospitals and as members of emergency flight crews. They employ life-saving strategies such as managing airways, establishing vascular access, performing CPR and administering pharmaceuticals, often while transporting patients to critical care facilities. Students who demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning, civic engagement, and service to their communities are invited to apply.

Missoula College’s Paramedicine Program is delivered through a community partnership with Missoula Emergency Services, Inc., which has been training paramedics since the 1980s. The Program is a candidate for Accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

Admission to the program is competitive, and requires prior completion of 16 credits of pre-requisite coursework, as well as a current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Certification. The Program’s core classes begin every fall semester and include 57 credits of classroom and laboratory instruction, as well as hundreds of hours of experiential, hands-on clinical training within hospitals and aboard ambulances.

Student progress is evaluated in the classroom through testing of cognitive knowledge, and in labs and clinical rotations through observation of the technical and psychomotor skills used in the profession. The Program maintains high standards for ethical and professional behavior. Upon graduating, the student qualifies for an examination administered by the NREMT, successful completion of which earns a national certification and allows the individual to practice in all states.

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**Program Prerequisites:**

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**Note:** Must also have a current NREMT Card to apply.

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**Program Core Courses:**

**Fall Semester Program Year 1**

- ECP 200 – Transition to Paramedic Care 3 Credits
- ECP 201 – Paramedic Fundamentals 3 Credits
- ECP 202 – Paramedic Fundamentals Lab 1 Credit
- ECP 207 -- Cardiology 4 Credits
- ECP 208 – Cardiology Lab & ACLS 1 Credit

**Spring Semester Program Year 1**

- ECP 206 – EMS Case Studies 4 Credits
- ECP 216 – Hospital Clinical I 5 Credits
- ECP 220 – Special Considerations 1 Credit
- ECP 221 – OB/Neonate/Pediatrics 2 Credits
- ECP 222 – Neonate/Pediatric Lab PALS/Stable 1 Credit

**Summer Semester Program Year 1**

- ECP 230 – Trauma 2 Credits
- ECP 232 – Pulmonary 2 Credits
- ECP 233 – Trauma/Pulmonary Lab & PHTLS 1 Credit
- ECP 242 – Medical Considerations 2 Credits
- ECP 243 – Medical Lab 1 Credit
- ECP 246 – Hospital Clinical II 6 Credits

**Fall Semester Program Year 2**

- ECP 247 – Hospital Clinical III 6 Credits
- ECP 250 – NREMT Exam Preparation 3 Credits
- ECP 251 – NREMT Exam Preparation Lab 1 Credit
- ECP 298 – Field Internship 8 Credits

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**Summary**

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**Program Cost:**

Based on Missoula College In-State (Resident) Tuition Rate for 2021-22 Academic Year**

*There may be a modest increase in tuition/fees annually*

- **FALL, YEAR 1 (12 credits)**
  - Tuition & Univ. Fees $2,031.00
  - Program Fees $1,560.00
  - Total $3,591.00

- **SPRING, YEAR 1 (13 credits)**
  - Tuition & Univ. Fees $2,031.00
  - Program Fees $1,690.00
  - Total $3,721.00

- **SUMMER, YEAR 1 (14 credits)**
  - Tuition & Univ. Fees $1,988.00
  - Program Fees $1,820.00
  - Total $3,808.00

- **FALL, YEAR 2 (18 credits)**
  - Tuition & Univ. Fees $2,031.00
  - Program Fees $2,340.00
  - Total $4,371.00

**PROGRAM TOTAL _ $15,491.00**

**Program Fee $130/credit include:**

- Paramedic Certificate allowing entry to the National Registry Paramedic Exam
- ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, CPR certifications (approx. $250 value)
- All program medical supplies and lab fees

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**Program Accreditation:**

The Missoula College Paramedicine Program received conditional accreditation in Summer 2020 from CoAEMSP (Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions) based on a final review to be conducted in Spring of 2022 after the Paramedicine Program’s first graduating class.