



## 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](mailto: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.

## Contacts

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**Program Prerequisites:**

	<b>16 Credits</b>	<b>Semester/Year</b>	<b>Grade</b>
AHMS 144 - Medical Terminology	3 Credits	_____	_____
BIOH 104 – Basic Human Anatomy + Lab	4 Credits	_____	_____
COMX 115S – Interpersonal Communications	3 Credits	_____	_____
M 105 – Contemporary Mathematics (or higher)	3 Credits	_____	_____
WRIT 101 – College Writing	3 Credits	_____	_____

\*\*Must also have a current NREMT Card to apply

**Program Core Courses:**

**Fall Semester Program Year 1**

ECP 200 – Transition to Paramedic Care	3 Credits	<b>12 Credits Total</b>
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	<b>13 Credits Total</b>
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	<b>14 Credits Total</b>
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	<b>18 Credits Total</b>
ECP 250 – NREMT Exam Preparation	3 Credits	
ECP 251 – NREMT Exam Preparation Lab	1 Credit	
ECP 298 – Field Internship	8 Credits	

**SUMMARY**

<b>Total Program Courses:</b>	<b>57 Credits</b>
<b>Prerequisite Courses:</b>	<b>16 Credits</b>
<b>Total A.A.S. Degree:</b>	<b>73 Credits</b>

**Program Cost:**

**In-State Resident Tuition Rate**  
**for 2020-21 Academic Year**

FALL, YEAR 1

Tuition & Univ. Fees	\$1,943.55
Program Fees	\$1,560.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,503.55</b>

SPRING, YEAR 1

Tuition & Univ. Fees	\$1,943.55
Program Fees	\$1,690.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,633.55</b>

SUMMER, YEAR 1

Tuition & Univ. Fees	\$1,758.74
Program Fees	\$1,820.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,578.74</b>

FALL, YEAR 2

Tuition & Univ. Fees	\$1,943.55
Program Fees	\$2,340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,283.55</b>

**PROGRAM TOTAL** \_\_\$14,999.39

**Program Fees 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

**Program Accreditation:**



Credible  
education  
through  
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.