

Paramedic Academy

College of Rural and Community Development
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The Paramedic Academy prepares students to be able to take the National Registry's Paramedic exam. A passing score allows students to apply for a paramedic license through the Alaska State Medical Board and prepares students to take the national registry's paramedic exam.

Completion of EMS 170—Emergency Medical Technician I (6 credits) is a prerequisite for the Paramedic Academy. Completion of HLTH 114—Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits) is recommended.

The Paramedic Academy offers the highest level of education obtainable for working in the pre-hospital environment. The most common entry level positions for paramedics are in an ambulance within a 911 emergency response system or in a non-emergency transport service. Paramedics may also be found working in doctors' offices, urgent care clinics, hospital emergency rooms, intensive care units, laboratories, aeromedical transport services and safety departments in corporate and industrial settings.

UAF's Paramedic Academy offers an intensive three-semester course of full-time study. Students who choose to do so may apply their paramedic course credits to more advanced degrees including the A.A.S. in Emergency Services.

The Paramedic Academy meets or exceeds the 1988 DOT National Standards Curriculum for the EMT-Paramedic. During the first two semesters, the student will complete 500 hours of classroom education and 250 hours of clinical experience. The clinical component includes rotations in a hospital setting, including placements in the emergency room, respiratory therapy, operating room and intensive care unit. In the third semester the student will travel outside of Alaska to complete a field internship with an ambulance company supervised by paramedic field preceptors. During the internship the student is responsible for all costs of housing, travel and living expenses in addition to tuition and fees.

The paramedic student should be emotionally stable and have good dexterity, agility and physical coordination. Paramedics must also have the strength to lift and carry heavy loads.

Special admission, licensing or certification requirements may apply to students in this program. Applicants should familiarize themselves with these and speak to a faculty advisor if they have any questions or concerns.

Academy Requirements

1. Complete the following:
EMS 181—Clinical Rotation I..... 4
EMS 183—Clinical Rotation II..... 4
EMS 280—Paramedicine I 12
EMS 282—Paramedicine II 12
EMS 283—Paramedic Internship..... 12
2. Total Credits.....44

Admission Requirements

Application packets for the Paramedic Academy may be obtained from Tanana Valley Campus at (907)455-2895 or e-mail at ffcmk@uaf.edu. Students interested in applying for admission must complete a paramedic application. Applications will be reviewed by TVC's Paramedic Academy Advisory Board. Students will be notified about admission status and at that time will be allowed to register for classes through TVC. In keeping with certification requirements, class size is limited to 16 students.

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2006-2007 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.