

**PARAMEDIC
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

The Paramedic program is a comprehensive program based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's EMT-Paramedic National Education Standards. The program is designed to prepare the student for the challenges of Emergency Health Care. Combining quality instruction and real-world experience, the Paramedic program is quickly earning a reputation as one of the finest EMS training programs in the State of Michigan. First-time pass rates on the National Registry of EMTs exam are higher than both the national and state averages.

KVCC's Paramedic program is accredited through CAAHEP by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP):

8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312, Rowlett, TX 75088, Phone: (214) 703-8445.

<http://www.coaemsp.org/>

The Paramedic program is a three-semester (one year) certificate program beginning each Fall semester, and a total of 24 students can be accepted into each program. You must successfully complete the courses sequentially to be eligible to take the National Registry exam for Paramedic. Classes meet two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are two, 2-hour lectures and an afternoon lab each day. Students are required to complete a minimum number of skills and patient encounters during their clinical experience. Students are scheduled for approximately 600 clinical hours. Clinical rotations will be scheduled with area ambulance services, hospitals and fire departments.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for admission into the Paramedic Program a student must:

- New students:** Submit a general admissions application to Kalamazoo Valley Community College (www.kvcc.edu).
- Current KVCC students:** Change program code status to Paramedic by contacting a counselor at 269-488-4040.
- Provide the Admissions & Records Office with all official college transcripts, if applicable.
- Students must have an overall KVCC GPA of 2.0 or higher in all subjects if they have taken classes here before.
- Schedule an appointment with a counselor at 269-488-4040 to develop a course plan and/or verify that you are on track to apply. **This is a critical step to complete early in your admission process!**
- Be 18 years of age to do clinical rotations.
- Meet the Reading score requirement: **ACT: 14, COMPASS: 65, SAT: 22, or Accuplacer: 53**
The Reading score requirement cannot be waived by ANY prior coursework or college degrees.
- Meet the Math requirement one of several ways:
 - Submit minimum ACT, COMPASS, or SAT scores (see scores below),
 - Complete free Accuplacer/ALEKS Math testing in Room 2210 (no appointment necessary), **OR**
 - Complete Math 100 (Health Careers Math) or a higher level Math course with at least a 2.0.

ACT Math: 18, COMPASS Pre-Algebra: 50, SAT Math: 23.5, Accuplacer Arithmetic: 80, or ALEKS: 14

- Complete the following prerequisite requirements:**
 - BIO 110 "Anatomy & Physiology"** (minimum grade of 2.0) or transfer in its equivalent (at least 4 credit hours and must have a lab component).
 - Have current NREMT Certification or proof of eligibility to sit for the exam. **Beginning Paramedic students are expected to pass National Registry (EMT-B) exams and obtain licensing from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services before the start of clinical courses.** (www.NREMT.org).
 - Have current American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR certification.

Application Information

- Health Careers Applications are available at www.kvcc.edu or by emailing healthcareers@kvcc.edu.
- Applications are accepted April 1 – 15 each year for the following Fall program, and are ranked based on overall GPA (from KVCC if available and from all applicable transfer institutions).**
- Completed applications may be submitted to the Information Desk by the Faculty Offices **April 1 – 15** for entry consideration into the Fall program. Early applications will be returned.
- The Immunization form must be completed when you apply.** The TB test and health physical can be completed AFTER acceptance into the program since these two items are only valid for one calendar year. The flu immunization is not required at the time of application; however students MUST receive the flu immunization during the Fall semester of the program. **Please note that a Rubella titer (#4 on the form) is REQUIRED.**
- All eligibility criteria (listed above) must be completed to be accepted into the program.
- A negative criminal background check (**on-campus** Live Scan fingerprinting) will be required upon acceptance.
- A negative drug screen will be required – testing will be done **on campus** the first or second week of class.

For more information, contact the Health Careers Admissions Coordinator at healthcareers@kvcc.edu.

**PARAMEDIC
Certificate Program Outline**

*Tuition rates are determined by the legal residence of the student and are subject to change. All rates are *per Contact Hour**
In-District: \$107 ~ Michigan Out of District: \$184 ~ Out of State: \$247 ~ International: \$279

<u>One Semester (Fall, Winter or Summer)**</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Contact (Billing) Hours</u>	<u>Estimate of Cost (Based On In-District Rate)</u>	
EMT 110 Basic Emergency Medical Tech	8	12	Tuition	\$1,605.00
EMT 115 EMT Clinical	1	3	Enrollment Fee	\$34.00
Semester Subtotal:			General Fee	\$84.00
			Books	\$200.00
			FISDAP	\$30.00
			Clinical, Travel	\$150.00

****Basic EMT is a prerequisite for the Paramedic Program
and has a separate application process**

Separate Cost for Basic EMT Program: \$2,103.00

Semester I – Fall Entry

EMT 201 Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine I	5	6	Tuition	\$2,033
EMT 211 Pre-Hospital Emergency Pharmacology	5	6	Enrollment Fee	\$34.00
EMT 215 Introductory EMS Clinical	3	7	General Fee	\$84.00
Semester Subtotal:			Books	\$285.00
(Minimum Already Completed for BIO 110):	4	6	FISDAP	\$80.00
			Clinical, Travel	\$410.00
			Semester Subtotal:	\$2,926.00

Semester II – Winter

EMT 231 Trauma and Disaster Medicine	5	6	Tuition	\$2,728.50
EMT 235 Trauma Rotation	2	6	Enrollment Fee	\$34.00
EMT 241 Cardiovascular Emergencies	5	6	General Fee	\$84.00
EMT 245 Cardiac Clinical Rotation	2.5	7.5	Books	\$255.00
Semester Subtotal:			Clinical, Travel	\$170.00
			Semester Subtotal:	\$3,271.50

Semester III – Summer

EMT 221 Medical Emergencies	4	5	Tuition	\$2,728.50
EMT 225 Medical Emergencies Clinical	2	6	Enrollment Fee	\$34.00
EMT 251 Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine II	4	5	General Fee	\$84.00
EMT 255 Specialized Care Rotation	1.5	4.5	Clinical, Travel	\$320.00
EMT 265 Field Internship	5	5	Semester Subtotal: \$3,166.50	
Semester Subtotal:			16.5	25.5

Min. Program Total (Including Prerequisites):	57	91
	Credits	Contact Hours

Overall Program Cost Estimate for Paramedic Program ONLY:

Tuition (based on In-District rate, NOT including prerequisites)	\$9,364.00
Misc. Costs: Books, Fees, Clinicals, Travel, FISDAP, etc.	\$1,874.00
Health Physical (after acceptance, if needed)	\$100.00
Immunizations and/or Titters (prior to acceptance, if needed)	\$250.00
Misc. Expenses: Live Scan, Drug Test, Flu Shot	\$115.00

Post-Graduation Costs:

NREMT Written Exam: \$125
NREMT Practical Exam: Varies by location
Michigan Licensing: \$80

Total Approximate Cost: \$11,703.00 (not including prerequisites)

***NOTE:** KVCC's Paramedic program offers students the potential opportunity to receive the following professional certifications **at no additional cost:** PHTLS, PEPP, NDBLS, and ACLS. If completed independently, these certifications could cost the student approximately \$1,000.