



Dear Future Paramedic Student,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the OCCC EMS Program, we would like to thank you for taking an interest in our program.

The paramedic is a health professional whose primary focus is to respond to, assess and triage emergent, urgent and non-urgent requests for medical care; apply basic and advanced knowledge and skills necessary to determine patient physiologic, psychological, and psychosocial needs; administer medications, interpret and use diagnostic findings to implement treatment; provide complex patient care; and facilitate referrals and/or access to a higher level of care when the needs of the patient exceed the capability level of the paramedic. Paramedics often serve as a patient care team member in a hospital or other health care setting to the full extent of their education, certification, licensure and credentialing. Paramedics may work in community settings where they take on additional responsibilities monitoring and evaluating the needs of at-risk patients, as well as intervening to mitigate conditions that could lead to poor outcomes. Paramedics help educate patients and the public in the prevention and/or management of medical, health, psychological and safety issues.

Paramedic is thirty-three (33) credit hours. EMS 1011 Intro to EMS and EMS 1017 Emergency Medical Technician and NREMT Certification at the EMT/AEMT Level is required.

There are several items of information that you will need to know prior to starting the class. They are as follows:

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

If you are not already an OCCC student, or have been gone awhile, then follow this link to apply as a student.

<https://www.occc.edu/onlineapplication/>

<https://www.occc.edu/admissions/whatsnext/>

<https://www.occc.edu/admissions/health/#emt>

#### **TUITION AND FEES**

The cost per credit hour is \$146.06. Paramedic is a 33-credit hour program for certification. The Certificate of Mastery is a 41-credit certificate and the A.A.S. Degree is a 60-credit associates. After enrollment, payment plans are available through the Bursars office.

<https://www.occc.edu/bursar/>

## **BOOKS**

All books are available at the Oklahoma City Community College Bookstore. The bookstore can provide you with a list of required texts. You will also receive a list in the syllabus.

<http://bookstore.occc.edu/home.aspx>

## **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

All students enrolled in coursework that has a clinical component must have medical malpractice liability, personal liability, and accident health insurance prior to the rotations. This insurance provides coverage for a period of one calendar year, and can be purchased in the Bursar's Office. Students who fail to purchase by the due date will not be allowed to complete the clinical component of the course, which will result in a failing grade for the course. The cost is \$25.00 and is payable at the bursar's office.

[https://secure.touchnet.net/C20502\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=30&SINGLESTORE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net/C20502_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=30&SINGLESTORE=true)

## **BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN AND CPR TRAINING**

Bloodborne Pathogen and CPR Training are provided at the beginning of the EMT course. Training in the area of Bloodborne Pathogens can be completed by taking the Safe Colleges Course. CPR must be American Heart Association Healthcare Provider. The cost of the course is \$35.00 and a BLS Healthcare Provider textbook is required and is available in the bookstore. Documentation of successful completion of these programs must be included with your insurance and immunizations. You are required to maintain current CPR certification throughout the course.

## **BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Due to clinical agency requirements, the Division of Health Professions requires a Nationwide Background Check through Surscan. The student is responsible for payment of the report. Clinical agency representative(s) review the reports, without access to identifying information, that have criminal history. The facility alone can accept or deny clinical access to a student. Any break in continuous enrollment will require additional Nationwide Background Report.

## **DRUG TESTING**

Drug testing is required for all students in the Division of Health Professions. Each student must have a random drug test prior to the first clinical assignment. The Office of Health Professions schedules the drug test. Any break in continuous enrollment will require an additional random test.

## **CLINICAL AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT**

All students enrolled in course work that has a clinical component must provide their own stethoscope, scissors, and pen light during their clinical rotations. For your convenience these are made available to you in the bookstore or can be purchased from a variety of local businesses.

## **CLASS/CLINICAL UNIFORM**

All students enrolled in EMS Program Courses will need a uniform. The uniform consists of a navy-blue polo, navy blue pants (NO BLUE JEANS), and non-marking all black boots. Until your uniform arrives all students must attend class wearing business casual attire. Upon enrollment you will be provided with details on purchasing the uniform.

## **PROGRAM COST**

<b>EMT Tuition and Fees:</b>			
		1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
In-state resident tuition:(\$146.06/credit hour)		\$2,190.90	\$1,898.78
Non-resident tuition:(\$337.76/credit hour)		\$5,066.40	\$4,390.88
Lab Fee		\$260.00	\$330.00
Equipment Fee		\$46.00	\$65.00
<b>Online Program Access:</b>			
Platinum Planner		\$90.00	
<b>Textbooks:</b>			
Required		\$1,052.95	
<b>Clinical Requirements:</b>			
Immunizations and/or Blood Tests		\$350.00	
CPR Certification		\$35.00	
Drug Testing Fee		\$43.00	
Background Check		\$42.50	
Student Liability Insurance		\$25.00	
Clinical Management Platform (InPlace)		\$60.00	
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Equipment: scissors, stethoscope		\$40.00	
Clinical Uniform		\$90.00	
<b>Program Total (Resident)</b>		\$4,325.35	\$2,293.78
<b>Costs do not include general education courses for the certificate or degree option.</b>			\$438.18

REQUIREMENT	EXPLANATION
<b>LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>	All students enrolled in coursework that has a clinical component must have medical malpractice liability, personal liability, and accident health. Insurance is purchased through the OCCC Bursar office.
<b>BACKGROUND CHECKS</b>	Due to clinical agency requirements, all students must obtain an extensive, nationwide Background Report which includes, but is not limited to, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) searches for sex offender, violent offender, and criminal history. The background report must occur within 3 months prior to the first day of class. <b>NOTE: Students who complete the Background Report process and have a subsequent break in enrollment at OCCC will be required to complete a new Background Report before participating in a clinical rotation at any facility.</b>
<b>DRUG TESTING</b>	<p>Drug Testing is also required for all students in the Division of Health Professions. Each student will receive a random drug test prior to the first clinical assignment. Any break in continuous enrollment will require an additional random test. The Health Professions Division policy also stipulates that, if a student has a non-negative drug test one time, he/she may reapply to any of the Division programs. If there is a second non-negative result, there will be no additional opportunities to enroll in OCCC Health Professions Division programs.</p> <p><b>NOTE: While medical marijuana is legal in the State of Oklahoma, it is not accepted in healthcare or in any of the Health Professions Programs at OCCC. A positive test for marijuana will result in the student's loss of eligibility to remain in an HP Program.</b></p>
<b>CPR TRAINING (Must be American Heart Association-Healthcare Provider)</b>	<p>CPR Training (all levels) is required. Classes are available through <a href="https://www.campusce.net/occc/course/EventDetail.aspx?C=3412">https://www.campusce.net/occc/course/EventDetail.aspx?C=3412</a>.</p>
<b>BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN and HIPAA</b>	Annual training to include Bloodborne Pathogens and HIPAA can be completed online with successful completion of the exam. Instructions will be distributed on the first day of class.

<b>SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING (Safe Colleges)</b>	All students are required to complete the online sexual harassment training. Instructions will be distributed on the first day of class.
<b>CLINICAL AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT</b>	All students enrolled in course work that has a clinical rotation must provide their own stethoscope, scissors, and pen light.
<b>CLINICAL UNIFORM</b>	The uniform consists of a Navy Blue Polo, Navy Blue pants This will be discussed further in class or at clinical orientation.
<b>IMMUNIZATIONS</b>	
<b>Tuberculosis (T.B. or PPD)</b>	QuantiFERON Gold Blood Test or Two-Step TB skin test  <b>NOTE: If you have had a positive TB test do not repeat the TB test, refer to TB QuantiFERON Gold information above</b>
<b>MMR - (measles, mumps, rubella)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit records of two MMR vaccinations <b>OR</b></li> <li>Submit MMR titer records for each, measles, mumps, and rubella (a total of 3 positive titer results)</li> </ul>
<b>Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (TDAP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit records of TDAP vaccination administered</li> <li>Must be administered within the last 10 years or record of Tdap booster every 10 years thereafter</li> <li>(DTaP or TD is not accepted)</li> </ul>
<b>Varicella (Chicken Pox)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit records of two Varicella vaccinations <b>OR</b></li> <li>Submit records of one positive Varicella titer (history of Varicella will not be accepted)</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatitis – B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit records of three-dose series HBV vaccinations or two-dose series HBV vaccinations specifically</li> <li>Heplisav-B (Dynavax) <b>OR</b></li> <li>Submit records of one positive HBV titer <b>OR</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit waiver for HBV vaccine (HBV waiver can be provided)</li> </ul>
<b>Influenza Vaccine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required to submit records annually after September 1st for the flu season</li> <li>Submit records of flu declination statement if refusing for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical reasons</li> <li>Religious reasons</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Annual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit records of vaccination</li> <li>2024/2025 COVID-19 vaccine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfizer-BioNTech</li> <li>Moderna</li> <li>Novavax</li> </ul> </li> <li>If you have previous COVID vaccinations and/or boosters some hospitals will request them, <b>OR</b></li> <li>Submit records of COVID-19 declination statement</li> <li>Medical reasons (must submit facility-specific signed physician statement)</li> <li>Religious reasons (must submit facility-specific signed minister statement)</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE: Clinical site policies may vary on COVID-19 declination acceptance, most facilities accept declinations.</b></p>

**Note: It is imperative that you begin getting this set of vaccinations as soon as possible in order to meet course deadlines. You will NOT be allowed to sign up or attend clinical rotations prior to completion of all compliance requirements.**

**NOTE: Clinical site policies may vary on waiver or declination acceptance. Alternate clinical experiences may not be available. This may interfere with your ability to pass the required clinical component and progress in the EMS program.**

We hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call at 405-682-1611 ext. 7507 and we will be happy to assist you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Cordially,

Oklahoma City Community College EMS Program