



**Public Safety Division
Emergency Medical Services**

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Services program at Gulf Coast State College. The Emergency Medical Services programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org), by the American Medical Association, and by the Florida Department of Health. Graduates of either the EMT program or the Paramedic program are eligible to apply for the state and national board examinations.

The Paramedic program is the higher level on the EMS career ladder. Paramedics are licensed EMTs who then receive training in advanced life support measures, including venipuncture, intravenous therapy, endotracheal intubation, medication administration, dysrhythmia interpretation, cardioversion, and defibrillation.

The Paramedic program begins once each year and consists of three consecutive semesters: Fall, Spring, and Summer. **Applications for the Paramedic program must be received by the June 1, 2015 deadline.** Applications may be considered after this date provided space is available.

Beginning with the Fall semester 2014, the Paramedic courses will be held at the **North Bay campus** in Southport on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. CST. The Paramedic program is 42-credit hours.

An Associate in Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services is also available. This option expands the Paramedic program to 73 credit hours that includes General Education courses.

To be considered for the Paramedic program, the applicant should:

- Have a State of Florida EMT certification.
- Pass the EMT coursework on the first attempt achieving a "B" grade in EMS1119, EMS1401, EMS1335, and EMS1555 or equivalent coursework. **

** Those students passing with a "C" grade in **any** EMS course should have 1 year of full-time experience (2 years part-time) at an ALS transport service prior to applying, and a positive recommendation letter from an immediate supervisor.

We are grateful that you are considering Gulf Coast State College for your educational needs. If you have any questions please me at (850) 872-3878, ext. 5632.

Sincerely,

A. Scott Williams, B.S., REMT-P
Coordinator
EMS Programs

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PARAMEDIC PROGRAM - APPLICANT PROCEDURES

Applicants must complete all below information by the application deadline of June 1, 2015. Applications may be considered after the deadline provided openings are still available in class.

- _____ 1. **New students should apply for General Admission to GCSC.** Applications are available at the Enrollment Services Office or online at: <http://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/steps.htm>.
 - **Returning students who have not attended GCSC in the past year must also re-apply for admission.**
- _____ 2. **New students must pay a \$20 non-refundable college application fee online,** at the GCSC Business Office in person or by phone, or at the GCSC Bookstore. If not paid, you cannot get registered for courses.
 - **Returning students who have not attended GCSC in the past year must pay a \$10 non-refundable college application fee.**
- _____ 3. **New students must complete a free online College Orientation** which must be completed prior to course registration, otherwise a "hold" will be placed on your account. Follow the registration steps via the GCSC website for free online college orientation at: <http://www.gulfcoast.edu/students/orientation.htm>.
- _____ 4. **Submit the completed Paramedic application** included in this packet to the Public Safety Division, attn: Paramedic Program, at the North Bay campus by the **application deadline of June 1, 2015.**
- _____ 5. **Submit the completed Narcotic/Mental Statement** included in this application packet to the Public Safety Division, attn: Paramedic Program, at the North Bay campus by the deadline of June 1, 2015.
- _____ 6. **Request OFFICIAL High School transcripts with degree posted or equivalent GED scores, and have them mailed to the GCSC Enrollment Services.** These must be received by the Enrollment Services Office by the application deadline of June 1, 2015.

Note: Official transcripts are those mailed directly *from* other institutions attended *to* the Enrollment Services Office at GCSC. Transcripts mailed by you, faxed by you, or hand-delivered to us, are **not** considered official transcripts.

- _____ 7. **Request OFFICIAL transcripts from all colleges attended, and have them mailed to GCSC Enrollment Services.** These must be received and evaluated by the GCSC Enrollment Services Office by the application deadline of June 1, 2015.
- _____ 8. **Transfer transcripts must be evaluated.** All college credits granted by another institution must be evaluated by GCSC Enrollment Services Office prior to the admission deadline. Review "Evaluation of Transfer Credit" here: <http://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/requirements.htm>.
- _____ 9. **Take the college entry-level tests called "PERT" (Postsecondary Education Readiness Tests)**.**
Students applying for the Paramedic program **must** take the placement tests, **before the application deadline**, and achieve the minimum scores indicated below, or achieve a "C" or better in the courses listed below. **Minimum test scores:**

PERT Math 96; CPT Math 68, or achieve a "C" or better in Math / MAT0012, or higher level course

PERT English 103; CPT English 83, or achieve a "C" or better in Writing / ENC0022, or higher level course

PERT Reading 106; CPT Reading 83, or achieve a "C" or better in Reading / REA0019, or higher level course

You may take the PERT tests **twice per semester**. The PERT tests are given on the Panama City campus in the Enrollment Services Annex, Room 129.

Contact the Testing Center staff at 769-1551 ext. 3533 for additional information. They are located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union West on the Panama City campus.

- _____ 10. Provide a copy of the following with your Paramedic application:
- a. Current valid Florida driver's license
 - b. Current valid Florida EMT license
 - c. Current valid CPR certification card and maintain current certification throughout the program.
Acceptable cards are American Heart Assoc. Healthcare Provider, American Red Cross Professional Rescuer, or American Safety and Health Institute CPR-Pro.
- _____ 11. Provide 3 Letters of Recommendation before the June 1st application deadline.
- _____ 12. At a later date, meet with the Paramedic Coordinator. Applicants who complete all the application requirements will interview with the Coordinator of the Paramedic program. You will be contacted by the Senior Administrative Assistant to schedule an appointment for the interview.
- _____ 13. Current TB Skin test, TB blood test, or *current chest x-ray report* (less than a year old) is required after the conditional acceptance packet is received for the Paramedic program. The GCSC Immunization Form will be included in the acceptance packet.
- _____ 14. Current GSCS Physical Examination (less than a year old), with satisfactory results signed by a physician, is required after the conditional acceptance packet is received for the Paramedic program. The GCSC form to be used will be included in the acceptance packet.
- _____ 15. Current GSCS Immunizations Form, with satisfactory results signed by a physician, is required after the conditional acceptance packet is received for the Paramedic program. The GCSC form to be used will be included in the acceptance packet.
- _____ 16. A chain-of-custody 10-panel urine drug screen, at student's expense, is required by some affiliating clinical agencies for clinical clearance. (More information will be in the acceptance packet.)
- _____ 17. Satisfactory Criminal Background Check with fingerprinting, at student's expense, **must** be done through GCSC after the conditional acceptance packet is received for the Paramedic program.

****Note:** If you've had fingerprints taken through the *GSCS Fire College*, those results are not transferrable to us; therefore, you must be reprinted.

It is the Applicant's responsibility to make sure their student folder is complete with all the previously numbered information by the June 1, 2015 application deadline.

The EMS Coordinator will review applications in June for the Fall semester classes. Applications may be considered after the deadline date provided openings are still available in the class.

It should be understood that the satisfaction of the minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission into the Paramedic program.

If you have any questions regarding the Paramedic program, please contact:

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**PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

**Paramedic Program
application deadline is:
June 1, 2015**

Answer ALL questions; please TYPE or PRINT (submit form as soon as possible).

Name _____ Male Female
 First Middle Last Maiden Name

Home Address _____
 Street and No. City State Zip County

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above): _____

Mandatory Student ID Number: _____ **Social Security No.:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Home Phone:** (_____) _____

Business Phone: (_____) _____ **Cell Phone:** (_____) _____

EDUCATION
OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS must be mailed to the Office of Admissions and Records.
ALL schools and colleges attended must be listed for the application to be complete. If necessary, use additional sheets.

Name of School	Location of School	From Month/Year	To Month/Year	Did you receive Diploma? Degree? Certificate?	What was your Major/Minor?
High School or GED					
Technical Program					
College or University					
College or University					

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION

Type	Issued by which state or agency?	License Number	Expiration Date

GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE
NARCOTIC / MENTAL HEALTH STATEMENT

I, _____ proclaim that I am free from addiction to any narcotics or controlled substance. I am free of any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair my ability to function as a Paramedic. In compliance with clinical requirements, I understand that I may be subject to drug screening.

Signature

Date

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR PAST

Applicants to the Paramedic program in the Public Safety Division of Gulf Coast State College work very hard to meet the entry requirements for selection. Our program makes every effort to accept as many academically qualified students as possible. However, in addition to meeting basic entry requirements, applicants must also consider how their personal history may affect their ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment.

Some of our Public Safety programs will require students to visit certain clinical sites that may require background checks in order for students to work with their patients. Students who cannot produce a favorable background check may not be able to meet their program's clinical obligations, which would jeopardize their ability to successfully complete that program.

Students who graduate from the Paramedic Program must also pass licensure exams in order to be employable. The various entities that provide testing and licenses for health professionals oftentimes require background checks prior to sitting for the exams and applying for licensure. It is possible to successfully graduate from a Public Safety program, but be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check.

Employers of licensed health professionals can also have a variety of requirements that must be met prior to granting employment. These can include background checks of varying depths and drug screenings. It is possible to graduate from a Public Safety program and obtain a health professional license, but be denied some employment options due to an unfavorable background check or drug screen. In compliance with clinical requirements, I understand that I may be subject to drug screening.

We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision when applying to one of our Public Safety programs.



CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Gulf Coast State College (GCSC) students who are granted conditional acceptance into a Public Safety program must receive a satisfactory criminal background check prior to final acceptance into the program. The background check will be scheduled and performed at the discretion of the Division of Public Safety at GCSC. Information and instructions on how to complete the background check will be sent by the program coordinator.

Criminal background checks performed through other agencies will not be accepted. The student must also be aware that clinical agencies may require an additional background check prior to clinical access. It is possible to graduate from a program at GCSC but be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check.

An applicant must consider how his / her personal history may affect the ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment. Most healthcare boards in the State of Florida make decisions about licensure on an individual basis. You may visit the Florida Department of Health website (www.doh.state.fl.us/) for more information regarding licensure. We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision regarding your future.

Please read the following information carefully:

Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provision of 456.0635 (see below) may be **disqualified** from admission to any Public Safety program. In addition to these specific convictions, there are other crimes which may disqualify applicants from entering into the Public Safety programs and / or clinical rotations. The statute can be found online at:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0400-0499/0456/Sections/0456.0635.html

456.0635 Health care fraud; disqualification for license, certificate, or registration.

- (1) Health care fraud in the practice of a health care profession is prohibited.
- (2) Each board within the jurisdiction of the department, or the department if there is no board, shall refuse to admit a candidate to any examination and refuse to issue a license, certificate, or registration to any applicant if the candidate or applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the applicant:
 - (a) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, or chapter 893, or a similar felony offense committed in another state or jurisdiction, unless the candidate or applicant has successfully completed a drug court program for that felony and provides proof that the plea has been withdrawn or the charges have been dismissed. Any such conviction or plea shall exclude the applicant or candidate from licensure, examination, certification, or registration unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended:
 1. For felonies of the first or second degree, more than 15 years before the date of application.
 2. For felonies of the third degree, more than 10 years before the date of application, except for felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a).
 3. For felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), more than 5 years before the date of application;
 - (b) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended more than 15 years before the date of the application;
 - (c) Has been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years;
 - (d) Has been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years before the date of the application; or
 - (e) Is currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities.