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**SPRING 2024 APPLICATION
IS DUE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023**

PARAMEDIC APPLICATION PACKET FOR SPRING 2024 PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System provides medical care to community members who are sick or injured. The goal of the paramedic program is to prepare competent entry-level Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics in cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. Paramedics respond to emergencies in the pre-hospital setting and render basic and advanced medical treatment before and during transport. In addition to the certification program, students have the option of taking courses, which will lead to an Associate in Science degree.

The **full-time** program begins each spring semester and requires students to meet online once a week and on campus two days a week (approximately 8 hours per day). The full-time program is approximately an 11-month program.

The Paramedic program also offers paramedic academies that have unique and varied schedules. Please check the American River College schedule for the most up-to-date listing of our paramedic offerings.

Startup program costs are approximately \$2,500.00. The student is responsible for purchasing uniforms, laboratory fees, malpractice insurance, necessary equipment, and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. All costs/fees are subject to change.

The American River College Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Profession (CoAEMSP).
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program 1361 Park Street Clearwater, FL 33756 (727-210) www.caahep.org

PROGRAM GOALS

"To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit point at the advanced Emergency Medical technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, Medical responder levels"

APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

Currently, the paramedic program admits students once per year. Applications for the spring 2024 semester are currently available online at http://www.arc.losrios.edu/Programs_of_Study/Health_and_Education/Paramedic.htm

Please mail your completed application packet to:

Attn: Dr. Goold
Paramedic Program Applications
4700 College Oak Drive
Sacramento, CA 95841

Applications are also accepted at the [Health and Education Complex](#) during normal business hours. Please confirm staff are available before dropping off your application.

***We strongly suggest you keep copies of all documents sent to the program. We also suggest you send your application packet using a service that allows for verification of delivery to the college.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT TO THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

1. Graduation from an accredited high school in the United States or successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) prior to the time of application:
 - a) Students with a high school diploma from a school outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) approved independent agency. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.
 - b) Students who possess an Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree or higher from a regionally accredited college are exempt from the educational requirement stated above. Transcript evidence must be provided showing degree attainment.
 - c) Students who have attended college outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency, demonstrating AA/AS degree or higher. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.

2. Current certification as an EMT-Basic and approximately one year verified recent and/or appropriate EMS experience (**approximately 200 patient contacts-911 preferred**). Applicants lacking sufficient experience or patient contacts may still be considered if able to submit a signed Employer Engagement Form (EEF). The EEF is available at the same location as the program application. Questions related to EMS experience must be directed to Dr. Grant Goold, Program Coordinator, at **(916) 484-8843**. The program admissions committee will assess experience and/or equivalency.
4. A current Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet
NOTE: For the initial evaluation of all transcripts and previous coursework and to determine if the above eligibility requirements have been met, an appointment must be scheduled with an ARC counselor /Homebase at (916) 484-8577. For course equivalency of pre-paramedic and degree major courses completed outside of the Los Rios Community College District, students must provide course descriptions. Students are strongly encouraged to contact the Paramedic Program Homebase team and ensure application compliance. Staff at the homebase can be contacted at: <https://arc.losrios.edu/academics/health-and-education-homebase>

To graduate with an Associate Science degree, a student must complete all the required courses for the Paramedic program and fulfill general education requirements. Associate of Science degrees in (Paramedic) is only provided to students who successfully complete all courses listed for the degree major at American River College.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Students who are interested in applying for the Paramedic program should begin preparing and **PLANNING AHEAD** as soon as possible by requesting and/or compiling the support documents in Item 3 below to be evaluated and included in the application packet. This process may take several weeks.
2. As soon as you have your paperwork together, call the ARC Homebase Counseling department at (916) 484-8577 no **later than Friday, November 10th, 2023** to schedule an appointment to obtain a Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet for the program. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.**
3. **Student Checklist:** The following documents must be brought to the Homebase / counseling appointment:
 - ___ High school transcript with graduation date highlighted, GED Scores, CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency, or proof of AA/AS degree or higher
 - ___ Current EMT-Basic card **and** American Heart Association Professional Rescuer or BLS Healthcare Provider card (**bring original cards**)
 - ___ If applicable, verification of EMT-Basic experience with supportive documentation to include hours of patient contact, description of contacts, and validation from supervisor on original agency letterhead. Do not include observational experiences only. Contact information, to verify field experience, must be provided in the supportive documentation.
 - ___ All college transcripts:
 - Unofficial** transcripts from the Los Rios Community College District (ARC, CRC, FLC, SCC)
 - Official (sealed)** transcripts from schools outside the Los Rios Community College District
 - ___ **NOTE:** All transcripts must accompany your application; do not have them mailed separately to Admissions & Records or the Counseling department.
 - ___ Copies of course descriptions of prerequisite classes completed outside the Los Rios Community College District for evaluation of equivalency. Descriptions must show clear page numbers, year, and catalog identification.
 - ___ Completed Paramedic program application.
4. At the counseling appointment, the counselor will determine if educational requirements and paramedic prerequisites have been met. Pre-paramedic courses that are in progress will also be noted. In addition, the counselor will evaluate your progress toward graduation requirements (if applicable) and coursework from other colleges for equivalency to ARC courses. The Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet will be completed during this appointment.
5. Submit the **complete** packet and support documentation to the Health and Education office. (See "Student Checklist" on the application). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Only students who meet the educational pre-paramedic requirements and follow the procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee enrollment in the program.
2. Class size may be limited. If the pool is greater than the program can accept, students are chosen based on a computerized random selection process among the qualified candidates.

ACCEPTANCE

1. Students will receive notification of acceptance by mail approximately two (2) weeks after the submission deadline. Please do not call Admissions & Records, the Health and Education office, Homebase or the Counseling department, as phone verification will not be provided.
2. Once accepted to the Paramedic Program, students, ***at their own expense***, must provide the following prior to completion of PMED 115 or deadlines required by the program.
 - a. Health History & Report of Medical Examination with required inoculations
 - b. Drug screening test (non-refundable)
 - c. Proof of malpractice insurance (not refundable)
 - d. Background check required by clinical facilities (non-refundable)



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Please Print or Type Clearly!

1. Name _____ LRCCD Student ID No. _____
Last First Middle

Previous last name(s) that may appear on your records: _____

Mailing Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Nos.: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email _____

2. High school last attended _____ City, State _____

Did you graduate? Yes _____ No _____ If no, GED or CHSPE? _____ Applicant must provide unofficial U. S. high school transcript, GED scores, or CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency

Colleges Attended (including ARC, CRC, FLC, and SCC) Applicant must provide official transcripts and course catalog descriptions for class equivalency evaluation for colleges outside of Los Rios Community College District

Name of Institution Date	City and State	Dates of Attendance	Units	Degree Received &
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Have you been licensed to practice in any field of health care? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe: Licensed as _____

License No. _____ Date Licensed _____ Expiration Date _____

4. Person to be notified in case of emergency: Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Nos.: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

STUDENT CHECKLIST: A complete application packet **MUST** include the following items:

1. _____ Transcript with graduation date highlighted from an accredited high school in the United States, GED Scores, CHSPE Certificate of Proficiency, or AA/AS degree or higher documented on an accredited college transcript. Transcripts from a high school or college outside of the United States must be evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency.
2. _____ **Current** copy of: a) EMT-Basic card and b) **American Heart Association BLS CPR card (must show original documents)**
3. _____ Verification of EMT-Basic experience with supportive documentation on original agency letterhead. Signed and dated Employee Engagement Form (EEF) if EMT experience below required minimums (1 year or 200 patient contacts-911 preferred)
4. _____ All college transcripts:
UNOFFICIAL transcripts from colleges within the Los Rios Community College District (ARC, SCC, CRC, FLC)
OFFICIAL (sealed) transcripts from schools outside the Los Rios Community College District
5. _____ Course descriptions for equivalency from classes completed outside of Los Rios Community College District. (Descriptions must show clear page numbers, year, and catalog identification)
6. _____ Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet (from counseling/Homebase visit)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Your completed application packet **must be received, or postal time stamped** in the ARC Health and Education Division Office, Room 770 no later than **Friday, December 8th, 2023**. Please allow sufficient time for mailing.

Please mail your completed application packet to:

Attn: Dr. Goold
Spring 2024 Paramedic Program Application
4700 College Oak Drive
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IMPORTANT NOTES: If any item is missing, the application packet will not be processed and may be returned to the applicant.

Students will receive notification of acceptance **by mail**. Please do not call the Health and Education office or the Counseling department, as phone verification **will not** be provided.

Demographic Survey

(Confidential Use Only)

The information below is requested for compliance with United States Department of Education reporting procedure. This data will be used for statistical purposes only and will be kept separate from your application.

I. ETHNICITY (Please check one)

- American Indian/ Alaskan Native (1)
- Asian/Pacific Islander (2)
- Black (not of Hispanic Origin) (3)
- White (not of Hispanic Origin) (4)
- Hispanic (5)
- Filipino (6)
- Other _____ (7)
- Decline to provide (8)

II. GENDER (Please check one)

- Male
- Female

III. AGE

Thank you for your assistance.

American River College does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, race, or sex.