
OHSU-OIT Paramedic Education Program

*30 Years of Quality
Paramedic Education*



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About our program

The OHSU/OIT program offers students the opportunity to study emergency medical services under the direction of emergency physicians, paramedics, and health-care professionals.

After completing a comprehensive didactic program, students refine their skills in the clinical and internship setting. Excellent clinical sites are located throughout the Portland area, with local and national internship sites available to students.

Upon completion of the nationally accredited paramedic program, paramedic candidates will have earned a joint associate of applied science degree from OHSU and OIT. Graduates are then eligible for national and Oregon certification exams.

Our paramedic education program is a 12-month program for full-time students.



Paramedic Education Program

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Guest Instructors: The program utilizes professional instruction from many of the faculty physicians, physician's assistants and nurses at OHSU, as well as many other health-care professionals from the community.

Program Staff: Suzanne Anderson

Degree Offered

Associate of Applied Science in EMT - Paramedic

(A joint degree through OHSU & OIT)

The OHSU/OIT Paramedic Education Program prepares students for a clinical career as a paramedic. The Paramedic Education Program was established in 1977 at Oregon Health & Science University. A collaborative program with Oregon Institute of Technology was initiated in 2001. Academic classes utilize facilities at Oregon Health & Science University and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Regional Training Center. Clinical rotations utilize a variety of departments in Portland area hospitals.

Students complete a field internship practicum with one of a variety of agencies throughout the country, which are affiliated with the program. The Paramedic Education Program is nationally accredited by The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Profession (CoAEMSP).

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be awarded the AAS degree and are eligible to sit for the National Registry EMT-Paramedic examination. Successful completion of the national examination process can lead to both National and Oregon certification.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Oregon Health & Science University/Oregon Institute of Technology Paramedic Education Program is to educate pre-hospital care providers; to prepare EMS leaders of the future; and to enhance the delivery of health care in the out-of-hospital setting.

Career Opportunities

Job opportunities are available for certified paramedics in a variety of settings. Paramedics work for ambulance agencies, fire departments, air-medical transport agencies, industrial sites, tactical-medical teams, and hospitals. The Paramedic Education Program graduates often find employment opportunities from the agency where they completed their field internship, and are sought after by many fire and EMS agencies nationwide.

Admission Requirements

Incoming OHSU-OIT paramedic students must have:

1. A high school diploma or GED
2. An Oregon EMT-B certification (out of state EMT-B certification must complete Oregon reciprocity)
3. Emergency medical or healthcare experience and/or exposure to the field.
4. Complete all general education and paramedic prerequisites prior to the start of classes in September.
5. Applicants who graduated from high school in 1996 or later must show the completion of two years of a foreign language at the high school level or two quarters at the college level. If not completed prior to entrance, two quarters of a foreign language will be required before receiving AAS degree. Official high school or college transcripts are required.
6. Minimum of 2.5 GPA for college transfers. Official transcripts are required from **all** colleges and universities attended.



Program Length

This program is four quarters in length. It begins in September each year and will end in late August of the following year. Applications are accepted beginning in January. Class size is limited to 24-32 students.

Graduation Requirements

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 to be eligible for graduation. In addition, a “Pass” grade must be achieved for all clinical and internship requirements.

Clinical & Field Internship Practicum

The Paramedic Education Program is divided into three phases; the first phase is the didactic studies in the classroom, which includes the practical skills-lab setting. The second phase is a clinical rotation in which the students work under the supervision of paramedics, physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and other health care professionals. The clinical sites are primarily located at Oregon Health & Science University, with additional sites in Portland area hospitals and health care facilities.

Once students have successfully completed all requirements of the didactic and clinical phases of the program, they spend their internship working under the direct supervision of a Paramedic Field Training Officer responding to actual emergencies. Students should plan on attending their internship out-of-state. Previous internship sites include locations in Oregon, Washington, Texas, Kansas, Missouri and North Carolina.



Tuition & Fees

The following are the current program tuition and fees assessed **per quarter** for the 2011-12 year – average 18 credit hours per quarter (tuition and fees are subject to change at any time):

Tuition: Oregon Resident	\$2988.00
(Non-Resident: \$4,284)	
OHSU Student Health Service Fee	\$257.00
OIT Basic Health Insurance	\$92.00
OIT Major Medical Insurance*	\$941.00
Facilities Use Fee	\$118.00
Student Activity Fee/	\$10.00
Instructional Aid Fees	\$125.00
OHSU Simulation Lab Fee	\$150.00
Per quarter total – Oregon resident	\$4681.00

(Non Resident total \$5,977.00)

*Students traveling to out-of-state internship sites will be responsible for their own travel and living expenses. We encourage students to travel and room with fellow classmates.



Financial Aid

A student seeking admission who anticipates the need for financial aid should contact OIT immediately. Do not wait for an “admission offer” to apply for aid as funds are awarded as available. Please direct financial aid questions to OIT, Klamath Falls. The direct number is (541) 885-1280 or 1-800-422-2017. Email address is dollars@oit.edu. Web address is www.oit.edu. (Click on admissions)

Major Medical Insurance

The Student Health Services Fee and some type of major medical incident insurance are required for all students. *If you have major medical coverage through a spouse, parent, or entitlement program (VA, Indian Health Service), you can apply to have the Major Medical Fee waived. For those not currently covered by major medical insurance, individual and family coverage is available through OIT. For further information, please contact the OIT Student Health Service at (541) 885-1800. Email address is: health@oit.edu

Student Housing

The program does not have “on-campus” housing. Most classes will be held at our Sherwood campus and at OHSU near downtown Portland. Some of the surrounding cities include: Tualatin, Wilsonville, Tigard, Oregon City, Lake Oswego and Portland. Please contact us if you would like additional information.

Non-Discrimination Policy

OIT and OHSU do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, age, religion, marital status, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities. The following office is designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding this nondiscrimination policy: Office of the Director for Campus Access and Equal Opportunity, Oregon Institute of Technology, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 97601-8801. (541) 885-1031; TTY (541) 885-1072; FAX (541) 885-1520; e-mail: access@oit.edu.

Students with Disabilities

Oregon Institute of Technology is committed to accommodating the needs of students with disabilities whenever possible. Students with disabilities who anticipate needing accommodations should contact the office of Services for Students with Disabilities, LRC 235; as soon as possible in advance of enrollment, to ensure timely provision of services. Questions may be directed to: Services for Students with Disabilities, Oregon Institute of Technology, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601-8801. (541) 885-1031; TTY (541) 885-1072.

PARAMEDIC EDUCATION PROGRAM COURSE PREREQUISITES 2011-2012

**All prerequisite and transfer courses must be transcribed from an OUS recognized accredited two or four year higher education institution.*

Based on Oregon Community College Course Listings

Course Name	Course Number	Quarter Credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology w/lab	BI231 or higher	4
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English Composition – Exposition	WR121 or higher	3-4
Elementary Algebra	MTH 070 or higher	4
Health & Fitness for Life (can combine 1CR HPE activity class and 2 CR HPE subject class)	HPE295	3-4
Fundamentals of Public Speaking	SP111 or higher	3-4
Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	100 level or higher	3-4
Psychology	100 level or higher	3-4
Humanities, Fine Arts, or Social Science Elective (Excludes psychology)	100 level or higher	3-4
Introduction to EMS	EMS 115 or higher	3-4
Approved Elective	100 level or higher	3-4

Oregon Statewide AAS- Paramedic Elective List	Course Number	Quarter Units
Health Care Delivery	AH050	1
Business Environment	BA101	4
Public Relations in Business	BA173	3
Business Management Principles	BA206	3
Financial Accounting I	BA211	4
Personnel Management	BA224	3
Business Law I	BA226	3
American Sign Language	ED201	3
Introduction to Fire Protection	FRP050	3
Hazardous Materials Operations	FRP064	3
Fire Service Instructor Training 1	FRP077	2
Fire Service Instructor Training 2	FRP078	2
Personal Health	HE250	3
CPR Instruction	HE262	2
Addiction Pharmacology and Physiology	HS101	4
Personal Effectiveness for Human Service Workers	HS150	3
Community Resources	HS154	3
Medical Law & Ethics	H101	3
Advanced Topics in the Language of Medicine	H122	3
Death and Dying	HUM259	3
Introduction to Medical Science	MED064	3
*Probability and Statistics	MTH243	3
General Psychology – Biological Emphasis	PSY 201	3
*Technical Writing	WR227	3
Foreign Language	100+	3
Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate		3

The Medical Terminology requirement is included in the OHSU-OIT Paramedic curriculum – courses taken outside of the Program will not transfer.

Term Hours		F	W	S	S
EMS 215	Essentials of Paramedicine	3			
EMS 200	Medical Terminology	3			
CHE 210	Clinical Pharmacology	3			
EMS 218	Trauma Assessment & Management	3			
EMS 231	Medical Emergencies I	3			
EMS 235	Basic Electrocardiography	2			
EMS 271	EMT-Paramedic Skills Lab, Part 1	2			
EMS 211	Prehospital Emergency Pharmacology		3		
EMS 232	Medical Emergencies II		4		
EMS 236	Advanced Electrocardiography		2		
EMS 272	EMT-Paramedic Skills Lab, Part 2		3		
EMS 281	Clinical Practicum I		6		
EMS 233	Medical Emergencies III			3	
EMS 282	Clinical Practicum II			12	
EMS 273	EMT-Paramedic Skills Lab, Part 3			2	
EMS 290	Field Externship Practicum				18
Total credits per term		19	18	17	18

A complete description of the paramedic courses may be found in the OIT *General Catalog*.

Total Credit Hours for A.A.S. Degree in EMT-Paramedic

Prerequisite General Education	37 or more
Paramedic Course	<u>72</u>
Total Credit Hours	109

The OHSU-OIT Paramedic Education 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 Profession (www.CoAEMSP.org).

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