



PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services
Certificate in Paramedic Technician

Anyone desiring entrance into a paramedic major must first gain admission to Penn College. Applicants who are accepted into the College will be placed in a pre-major status based upon pre-entrance testing and the requirements of the desired paramedic major. While in pre-major status, the students begin prerequisite course work that will prepare them for courses specific to their majors. Pre-major students are then evaluated for acceptance into their desired paramedic major in June and August. Acceptance is based upon additional requirements beyond College admission and is explained below. These admission requirements are not considered an irrevocable contract between the pre-major student and the College. These requirements are subject to change at the College's discretion.

- 1) The applicant must remediate any developmental course work requirements as required by the major.
 - a. A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services
 - i. English Level 3 or successful completion of ENL001
 - ii. Successful completion of RDG111
 - iii. Math Level 3 or successful completion of MTH005
 - b. Certificate in Paramedic Technician
 - i. English Level 3 or successful completion of ENL001
 - ii. Successful completion of RDG111
 - iii. Math Level 2 or successful completion of MTH004
- 2) The applicant will not qualify for acceptance if graduation grade-point average (GPA) is below 2.0 in course work required for the chosen paramedic major. The following course work does not need to be entirely complete for acceptance.
 - a. A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services
 - i. CSC 124 –Information, Technology, and Society
 - ii. ENL111 – English Composition I
 - iii. PSY111 – General Psychology or SOC111 – Introduction to Sociology
 - iv. BIO115 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I
 - v. BIO125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II
 - vi. PMP103 – BLS for the EMT-Paramedic or PMP122 – Emergency Medical Technician - Basic
 - vii. Communication Elective
 - viii. Math Elective (MTH124, MTH151, MTH153, MTH160)
 - ix. Directed Health Electives (6 credits)
 - b. Certificate in Paramedic Technician
 - i. BIO103 – Human Anatomy & Physiology Survey
 - ii. PMP103 – BLS for the EMT-Paramedic or PMP122 – Emergency Medical Technician - Basic
 - iii. Math Elective (MTH011, MTH124, MTH151, MTH153, MTH160)
 - iv. ENL111 – English Composition I
- 3) The applicant must have a minimum math/science GPA of 2.0 in course work required for the paramedic major. All of the following course work must be complete prior to acceptance into a paramedic major.
 - a. A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services
 - i. BIO115 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I
 - ii. BIO125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II
 - iii. Math Elective (MTH124, MTH151, MTH153, MTH160)
 - b. Certificate in Paramedic Technician
 - i. BIO103 – Human Anatomy & Physiology Survey
 - ii. Math Elective (MTH011, MTH124, MTH151, MTH153, MTH160)

- 4) The applicant must demonstrate competency as an Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, by one of the following methods, to enter the A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Services or Certificate in Paramedic Technician major.
 - a. Successful completion of PMP122 – Emergency Medical Technician with a “C” grade or higher
 - b. Successful completion of PMP103 – BLS Prep for the EMT-Paramedic with a “C” grade or higher
 - c. Current certification as a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT)

- 5) The applicant must successfully complete the following clinical admission requirements.
 - a. Health Questionnaire
 - b. Drug Screening
 - c. Criminal Background Check
 - d. Child Abuse Clearance
 - e. Malpractice Insurance
 - f. Certifications
 - i. Current certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation that meets Pennsylvania Dept. of Health requirements
 - ii. Current certification as a Pa. Dept of Health Emergency Medical Technician – Basic
 - iii. Completion of a 24 hour Hazardous Materials – Operations Level course

- 6) Each year, the paramedic program can accept up to 32 students into the Paramedic Technician or Emergency Medical Services major. If greater than 32 pre-major students meet requirements #1 through #5, eligible students will be ranked according to their graduation GPA to select the most qualified candidates.

- 7) Students will be limited to 24 **attempted credits** (taken at Penn College; excluding all developmental courses) in the pre-health major. Following the June and August selections, students not selected for the professional phase of the major after attempting 24 credits (as of Fall 2006) will be required to meet with the program director to discuss viable education options.

Re-entry to the Paramedic Major:

To best prepare for national certification and employment, students must complete all classroom course work and clinical experiences with a grade of “C” or better. Classroom course work is taught sequentially, and mastery of current knowledge and skill is required for future success. Clinical experiences integrate corequisite course work. Because of the sequential and integrated nature of the paramedic curricula, a student who earns a failing or withdrawal grade in any PMP designated course may not progress to the next course or semester. A student who does not progress in the paramedic curricula may re-enter one of the paramedic majors at a later date. Consideration for re-entry is based upon the following conditions.

- 1) Submission of a formal letter to the program director that includes:
 - a. A request for re-entry to a specific paramedic major
 - b. Recognized deficiencies while enrolled in the paramedic major
 - c. Specific steps taken to remediate deficiencies
 - d. Goals and objectives to address prior deficiencies upon re-entry

- 2) Approval for re-entry by the program director, medical director, and faculty/staff committee

- 3) Agreement to an established remediation/re-entry plan that may include:
 - a. Enrollment or auditing of prerequisite course work (example: Anatomy & Physiology)
 - b. Enrollment or auditing of major-specific course work or clinical experience (ex: PMP courses)
 - c. Demonstration of knowledge by successful written examination
 - d. Demonstration of skill by successful practical examination
 - e. Completion of a PMP299 independent study course
 - f. Completion of a Project Success/study skills program
 - g. Regular attendance at faculty conferences to review progress

- 4) Successful completion of new requirements or updates necessary for clinical admission

*Note that re-entry to a paramedic major is granted on a space available basis.