



EMS EDUCATION

Paramedicine Program Application Information

The Northwest College Paramedicine Program is approved by:

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Paramedicine Program at Northwest College

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Paramedicine Program at Northwest College. The following information is intended to facilitate your application process. There is one entry point into the program: application in the Fall for the Summer start date. If you are a transfer student or student wishing to re-enter the Paramedicine program, please see the EMS Student Handbook for entrance criteria on our website and contact the EMS Program Coordinator, steven.haggard@nwc.edu.

Students beginning at the entry point of the program are admitted in the Summer term through the application process outlined in this packet and consistent with the EMS Student Handbook. Application packets are available online at <https://www.nwc.edu/sites/nursing/ems-programs/Paramedic.html> or in the EMS Program office. This packet contains Admission Criteria related to applying for admission to the Paramedicine Program. The application period opens the First Monday in December. ***Please read the packet in its entirety.***

You must apply to Northwest College and be accepted by the college before you can apply to and be accepted into the Paramedicine Program. You will receive a communication from the admissions department stating if you have been accepted by the college. This communication is not an indication that you have been accepted into the Paramedicine Program. You will receive a separate letter in this regard signed by the EMS Program Coordinator regarding the status of your admission to the program.

A satisfactorily completed application packet contains **all** the required items as stated below. All materials must be submitted online by 11:59pm on the last Friday in February. Applications are reviewed by the coordinator and faculty of the Paramedicine Program after the submission deadline. Applications that are incomplete or submitted past the application deadline will not be considered.

The NWC Cody Paramedic Program is an in person program that consists of online coursework, face-to-face lectures, labs, and clinical experiences. Students applying to the Paramedic Program must meet with the EMS Program Coordinator prior to application to assess readiness of online learning.

Entrance into the program is a two-step process. The first step is the completion of the required application materials and meeting the criteria for application satisfactorily. Once ranked, the top 12 students will be informed that they have met the application criteria and will be given the opportunity to begin the entry process. The entrance process is the timely completion of immunization documentation, technical requirements form and physical form, clear drug screen, acceptable criminal history search report, and passing a pre-paramedicine skills evaluation. Once all the entrance processes have been completed satisfactorily, the student will be given a formal letter indicating their official entrance into the program, orientation materials, and information for the preparation for coursework will be provided.

DETAILS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

Licensure Requirement

Student must be licensed as an EMT within any state in the United States of America. An EMT-Intermediate is considered an AEMT equivalent and may also seek entry into the program. An LPN or RN may also apply to the program if they are currently an EMT as well. (Nursing students will be required to take an intensive exam prior to Paramedic I beginning to ensure everyone is starting in the same place regarding knowledge.)

Paramedic Entrance Exam:

Students must pass the entrance exam with a minimum adjusted score of 80%. Students may retake the Paramedic Entrance Exam a total of two times per application. If the minimum score is not achieved after two attempts or if the test scores are after the deadline the student will not be considered for the upcoming cohort.

Math Placement Test:

Students must schedule math placement exam with the admissions office. This exam score will allow placement of students in the proper level math course if AAS seeking. This score **WILL NOT** be used for seat selection.

Essay:

A 500-word minimum essay will be written to demonstrate what your professional goals are. You should also describe your experience and how that prepares you to succeed in the Paramedicine program.

Letter of Reference:

One letter of reference from a non-family member is required for entry into the program. This letter should describe what makes you a good candidate for entry into the Paramedicine program as well as qualities that will make you a good Paramedic.

Panel Interview:

All applicants will be required to attend a panel interview with selected members of the NWC EMS Education faculty and members of the NWC EMS Education Advisory Board.

Admission to NWC:

If an applicant has not attended Northwest College, they first need to apply to Northwest College and be accepted. If a student is a previous student, but not currently taking courses, it will be necessary to contact the NWC Admissions office to re-activate their student status. Students currently enrolled at Northwest College will not need to do anything for this criterion.

STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS

We select students based on the following criteria:

- 1) Students MUST possess a valid NREMT or Wyoming EMT license, AEMT is preferred.
- 2) Students have completed the Paramedic Entrance Exam and meet minimum adjusted score of 80%.
- 3) Students must complete math placement test.
- 4) Students have completed online letter of intent and application checklist with required documentation
- 5) Students have completed the essay
- 6) Students have submitted a letter of reference
- 7) Students have been accepted into NWC and/or have become re-activated as a NWC student
- 8) All required materials as stated above have been submitted online by the deadline for application.
- 9) Students must have completed the Panel Interview with a satisfactory score.
- 10) Preference is given to students who have healthcare experience, especially those who have worked in the pre-hospital environment previously.
- 11) Students must have and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better.

Steps in the process of application and entry into the program:

- 1) Submit application materials by 11:59pm on the last Friday in February.
- 2) Faculty and Advisory Board review applications
- 3) All qualified candidates will be invited to complete a panel interview
- 4) All applications that meet all application criteria are ranked according to test & interview scores

- 5) All the top 12 applicants are sent letters to begin the entrance process. Students must meet the entrance process requirements before formal entry into the program.
- 6) All applications that meet all application criteria, yet do not rank within the top 12, are sent a letter placing them at the top of the wait list.
- 7) All applicants currently enrolled in a pre-requisite course, yet having met all other criteria, are sent a letter placing them at the bottom of the waitlist.
- 8) All applicants not meeting application criteria are sent a denial letter.

It is important to note that the waitlist evolves until all 12 student seats are filled. Therefore, students on the top of the wait list may be contacted at any point prior to the semester to fill unexpected openings in the incoming fall cohort. The entrance process involves a review and signature of the technical requirement form by the student, a review and signature of the physical form by a healthcare provider, completion and clear report of drug screening, and an acceptable criminal search report, and current documentation of required immunizations, and passing of the pre-Paramedicine skills evaluation. All entrance process criteria must be met for the student to officially enter the Paramedicine program. Students successfully entering the program are required to maintain certifications, licensure, immunization status, and are eligible for random drug screening throughout the duration of the Paramedicine program.

ENTRANCE EXAM INFORMATION

The Paramedic Entrance Exam is a requirement of the NWC Paramedicine Program. This exam measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading; anatomy and physiology; math; and EMT knowledge, application, and problem solving. The test also evaluates the affective domain, assessing the candidate on agreeableness, conscientiousness, and neuroticism. The test is intended for use primarily with adult Paramedicine program applicant populations. The objectives assessed are those which paramedic educators deem most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of Paramedicine program applicants. The exam is a written test that will be proctored at NWC.

Students must receive a minimum adjusted individual total score that is equal to or higher than the *Paramedic* program mean (80) to be considered for application to the Paramedicine Program.

If you are interested in taking the Paramedic Entrance Exam should contact Steven Haggard, 307-754-6035, steven.haggard@nwc.edu, and make arrangements to take this test. Students should plan and schedule the test early as your desired test time may fill.

The entrance exam can be taken a total of two times per application. The highest score will be accepted if the minimum score is attained. Scores used for entrance must be obtained within the last year. Students with special needs who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Student Success Center's Disability Support Service Coordinator for testing accommodations.

To prepare for the test, you should review all appropriate EMT material. This is a written exam of 100 questions. Plan for 1-2 hours for completion. You must arrive at the testing site 15 minutes early and wear comfortable clothes that can accommodate a variety of room temperatures. Distractions will not be allowed! Out of respect for those students who do arrive on time, the doors will lock promptly at the start time and late arrivals will not be allowed to take the exam.

Results of the test will be made available by the end of the testing day. Remember, this test is a part of the admission process, not a sole determinant of acceptance/entrance. The testing monitor cannot tell you if your score was high enough to be admitted to the program.

Rules of the Test:

- Textbooks, notes, and all other reference or support materials, as well as calculators and all other personal electronic devices are prohibited during the test.
- No backpacks, briefcases, purses, cell phones or food are allowed in the testing room. Water bottles are allowed and must be kept on the floor. You are not allowed to make phone calls at any time.
- You will not be allowed to communicate with other students during the test. If you have a question or a problem, raise your hand to alert the proctor.
- You will not be allowed to leave the testing room during the test, except for a brief restroom break, if necessary.
- No heavy perfumes, lotions or body odor will be tolerated.
- **If the proctor notes any activities that conflict with testing integrity or the rules stated above, they can stop your test immediately and that test will not be accepted.** A meeting with the EMS Program Coordinator will be held to determine if the student will be allowed to take the test again.

APPROXIMATE BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

Approximate Pre-Entrance Costs - \$265

**Background check, drug test, physical and immunizations

| FIRST YEAR | | SECOND YEAR | |
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| UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT | | | |
| 2 Polos (each level requires a specific shirt) | \$ 70.00 | | |
| Field Guide for EMT-A | 20.00 | | |
| Black Shoes | 65.00 | | |
| Hemostat | 6.00 | | |
| Bandage Scissors | 6.00 | | |
| Stethoscope for EMT-B | 80.00 | | |
| Watch | 25.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 377.00 | | |
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| TUITION/FEES/BOOKS | | TUITION/FEES/BOOKS | |
| Course Lab Fees | \$ 450.00 | Course Lab Fees | \$ 450.00 |
| Student Injury Insurance | 72.00 | Student Injury Insurance | 72.00 |
| College Tuition & Fees (In-State Resident) | 2,148.00 | College Tuition & Fees (In-State Resident) | 2,187.00 |
| Books | 489.00 | Standardized Course Fees | 210.00 |
| Platinum Education | 109.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$3,268.00 | TOTAL | \$2,819.00 |
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| MISC. COSTS | | Travel/Lodging* | \$1,600.00 |
| Travel/Lodging* clinical experiences | \$ 700.00 | (*To/from clinics for 2 semesters) | |
| Optional Books | \$. 170.00 | TOTAL | \$1,600.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 870.00 | | |
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| ROOM/BOARD | \$6,250.00 | ROOM/BOARD | \$6,250.00 |
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| APPROXIMATE COST 1ST YEAR | | APPROXIMATE COST 2ND YEAR | \$ 4,869.00 |
| WITHOUT ROOM/BOARD | \$4,665.00 | WITHOUT ROOM/BOARD | \$11,019.00 |
| WITH ROOM/BOARD | \$10,615.00 | WITH ROOM/BOARD | |

| APPROXIMATE COSTS BOTH YEARS | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| WITHOUT ROOM/BOARD | \$ 9534.00 |
| WITH ROOM/BOARD | \$21,634.00 |

**You must provide your own transportation between the clinical facilities including, but not limited to: Powell, Worland, Lovell, Basin, Cody, Evanston, and Thermopolis. In addition, you will have to plan for housing and food during some clinical experiences occurring outside the local area.*