

PARAMEDIC



Meeting Days and Times:

Monday or Tuesday
And
Wednesday or
Thursday
0900 to 1700
January to December
Days may be adjusted from
time-to-time based on program
needs

Where are classes held?

KCFD EMS Headquarters
6750 Eastwood Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64129

Cost

\$5900.00 tuition plus
(\$150 Registration Fee)
Includes one uniform shirt,
BLS, ACLS, and PALS certifications

Additional Costs to Consider:

- Texts and Exam Access
- Clinical Scheduling Access
- Additional class uniform items
- Background check and drug screen
- Student Professional Liability Insurance
- Clinical scheduling and health requirements
- National Registry testing



How do I become a paramedic?

First, you must successfully complete the program. That involves attending class sessions and labs, successful performance on quizzes and exams, and maintaining an average of 80% to pass the didactic program. You must also have documented competence in required skills, complete clinical rotations with acceptable evaluations, and complete a field internship.

Paramedic students must have acceptable professional behavior that is evaluated at several points throughout the program. When the program has been fully completed, including field internship, the student will be cleared to participate in the National Registry Advanced Psychomotor (practical) examination. Upon successful completion of the program requirements, the student will be declared “complete” from the program. This will allow the graduate to sit for the National Registry written examination that leads to national certification and state licensure upon successful completion.

How long does this take?

Paramedic school is not an overnight process. Successful completion of the program requires a major commitment of time and energy on the part of the student. This commitment will affect the student’s family and work life, and those entering the program must be prepared for this impact. You must ask yourself — and honestly answer: “Do I have what it takes?”

The didactic portion is approximately one year. Some students complete clinical and field experience in six to eight weeks after didactic, others may take up to six months after didactics to complete the program. Students should plan on 18 months from start to finish, and look for opportunities throughout the program to shorten the time requirement.

How do I get in?

We are interested in seating a paramedic class that will be 100% successful. We do not feel that it serves the interests of the student, the rest of the class, or the program to seat students in the class who will be unhappy or do not possess the ability to be successful. To this end, there is an admission process that involves a written application, a short essay (a few paragraphs) about the student’s reasons for wanting admission, and references from friends, supervisors, or co-workers. We also administer a cognitive ability test that will help the applicant and the program to predict success in the program, and an EMT exam that gives us the ability to predict what BLS remediation needs the class will have as it moves forward. Finally, applicants will meet with representatives of the program to assure that they understand the rigors of the course and have realistic expectations.

When do we do field internship?

Field internship is the experience that the paramedic student receives with an emergency medical services agency. There is a certain amount of field experience that can be completed in the early phase of the program, but the paramedic internship is started at the end of the didactic phase, after all of the lab and clinical requirements have been completed. The goal of the paramedic internship is to provide the intern with the opportunity to perform as a paramedic under the close supervision of a preceptor.

What is the accepted attire for attending class and clinicals?

The UMKC EMS Education program has a uniform policy for its initial education programs (EMT and Paramedic). This consists of a navy blue polo shirt and navy blue uniform pants with a belt (EMT or Dickies-style), and black leather or nylon footwear that come over the ankle. We do not allow jeans, agency uniforms, or tennis shoes. Students are expected to be in the program uniform at all class sessions, clinical, and field shifts. The first uniform shirt is provided by the program. Additional uniform items may be purchased by the student.

What if I have to miss time from class?

The program allows no more than 10% of any one section of the course, or 10% of the total course in absences. Participants must carefully consider the impact of any time away from the course on their attendance requirements and their ability to be successful in the program. Students who miss time from class are required to make up missed work and recover missed information from other members of their squad.



UMKC's Paramedic students participate in the Paramedic Field Operations event held in Hutchinson, Kansas each summer.

Do I need an A&P course to apply?

No. A college-level Anatomy and Physiology course is highly recommended, but students in the program who have not taken A&P may take a self-directed A&P module that is offered concurrently with the program.

Do I need EMT experience to apply?

No. While six months to a year of prior EMT experience is helpful and recommended, students without prior EMT experience have successfully completed the program.

When do we do clinical?

Clinical experience is required in multiple areas including the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Units, and Labor and Delivery. Other specialty areas are also required. Clinical and field sites are available throughout the Kansas City metro and are continuously being reviewed and updated to provide the best possible experience. Clinical shifts are scheduled by the student and completed outside of normal class time. Students should expect to start clinical shifts several months into the program, and continue throughout the program. A linear program schedule is provided with a suggested level of clinical participation to keep the student on track. The breaks provided during the program are also meant as clinical holidays to allow students the ability to stay on track.

Are there requirements for clinical?

Yes. Clinical requirements are established by the clinical sites, not our program. We are guests in their facilities and are required to comply with their requirements. The requirements also are subject to change as healthcare regulations and accreditation standards change. Generally, you must have liability insurance, a clean criminal background check, a clean drug screen from after the starting date of the program, and current immunizations or proof of immunity requirements. A physical exam and current TB test will also be required.

How much time do we have to do?

There are minimum hours required (by state regulation) and skill requirements and goals. The program generally requires approximately 388 hours of clinical time, and 360 hours of field time. However, the UMKC program follows CoAEMSP and NREMT guidelines and is competency-based, which means that each student is evaluated on their performance and level of competency when it comes to clinical hours, field shifts, and skill goals. There are minimum numbers of skills and experiences that must be attained to successfully complete the program. Clinical hours and field shifts may be extended based on the student's ability to function as a competent, entry-level paramedic.

Application Process:

- Complete and submit the online registration at <http://med.umkc.edu/ems> .
- Contact your three references and advise them to watch for the Reference request email
- Submit copies of your NREMT certification and/or Missouri EMT license

Email application materials to: ems@umkc.edu

- Schedule an interview with the program
- Complete the Cognitive Ability Tests and Assessments
- Complete the EMT Basic knowledge exam

The UMKC School of Medicine 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 Professions (CoAEMSP).

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