

Information for application to the Johnson County Community College

Paramedic Program

which begins

Spring 2024

The Johnson County Community College Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the
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PLEASE READ THIS MATERIAL CAREFULLY

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIAL

OCTOBER 2, 2023

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JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Steps to Admission for Paramedic Program
Class of 2024

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

New students entering the program will begin their studies during the spring semester, which is scheduled to begin in January 2024. The following information pertains to applicants to the program.

1. The following materials **MUST** be received in the Admissions Office by **October 2, 2023**, to **guarantee consideration**.
 - a. **Completed Application online.**
 - b. **If you have completed less than 12 college credits, an official high school transcript, including final grades and graduation date, or the results of the GED exam.**
 - c. **College transcript(s):**
 - 1) If JCCC is the **only** college you have attended, you do not need to do anything regarding college transcripts. A copy of your JCCC coursework will be available for your file.
 - 2) If you have taken **any** college-level courses at another institution, contact **EACH** institution you have attended and request an official transcript be sent directly to the JCCC Admissions Office, 12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210. It is not necessary to resend transcripts already in your JCCC records. You must submit transcripts for **ALL** college coursework even if you consider that coursework to be irrelevant. It is used in the calculation of your cumulative college GPA.
 - Each applicant is responsible for notifying each institution to have the official transcripts forwarded to JCCC.
 - Hand-carried or faxed copies are not “official” and will not be accepted.
 - 3) Individuals applying to selective admission programs who have a **non-U.S.** high school and/or college education, and are seeking possible credit for program requirements, must consider the following:

Educational Credential Evaluators
Effective January 2014, Johnson County Community College only accepts non-U.S. transcript evaluations done by the Educational Credential Evaluators agency (ECE).

 - An ECE evaluation is considered only a recommendation.
 - An ECE evaluation is not guaranteed to be accepted to satisfy degree or elective requirements.
 - If an agency other than ECE, such as EEI or WES, or another academic institution evaluated your non-U.S. transcripts, that recommendation will not be considered by JCCC.
 - If you had an EEI Course by Course Evaluation with a GPA completed between August 2007 and December 2013 it will be accepted by JCCC, as EEI was the exclusive service accepted during that timeframe.
 - 4) Individuals presently in the United States who do not currently hold a lawful immigration status need to be aware that a background check or proof of eligibility is required, and therefore:
 - Those who have not been approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) may have difficulty providing the necessary documentation for the background check. Those who have been approved for DACA may present their Employment Authorization (EAD) document, and driver’s license or passport. Students who are DACA approved should not assume their DACA approval guarantees they will pass the background check. Visit the USCIS website, www.uscis.gov, for additional DACA information.

- 5) Individuals who are F-1 visa holders with a JCCC Form I-20 who are maintaining status, may be asked to present their I-2 and passport, driver's license, I-94 card or printout.
- The state of Kansas requires specific identification and employment eligibility documentation to sit for and be given state licensure. Students who do not hold lawful work authorization or status may sit for the licensure examination with the required identification. Their licensure documentation may, however, be withheld from them until they are able to demonstrate lawful employment authorization.
- d. **Submit Proof of Certification/Licensure** form containing images of your current cards.
- e. **Submit signed Statement of Understanding Paramedic Program Internship** form.
- f. **Submit Disclosure and Consent for Background Check** form.
- g. **Submit Work History** form.

IMPORTANT:

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO MAKE SURE ALL MATERIALS ARE RECEIVED IN THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 2. IN ORDER TO NOTIFY APPLICANTS OF THE STATUS OF THEIR FILE, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF THE OCTOBER 2 DEADLINE.

Address ALL application materials to:

**Selective Admissions, Box 41
Johnson County Community College
12345 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210-1299**

1. All students currently enrolled in prerequisite courses may be selected for admission to the Paramedic program if all admission material is received by the deadline date and official evidence of successful completion of these courses is received prior to the first day of class.
2. Applicants with completed admission packets who meet prerequisites (as listed on page 5) will be scheduled for an interview. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds 38, applicants will be ranked by the preferred criteria and the top 38 will be interviewed.
3. The interview process will involve review of academic preparation, related experience and personal characteristics relevant to student success in the program. All interviews are held on campus with the applicant in person, with no exceptions.
4. Final rankings will reflect the consensus of a committee of assessors from the college, the program and professionals in the field.
5. Those applicants ranked high enough to be accepted will be notified by student email and given 10 days to accept their position.
6. The student must complete the JCCC Health Record and Physical Examination form. This form will be provided to the student and will be due in March. If the deadline is not met, the student may be subject to termination.
7. All questions concerning the admission process should be directed to the Selective Admissions Office, 913-469-3438. All questions concerning the program should be directed to the EMS Department, 913-469-8500, ext. 4564 or 3437.

SPECIAL NOTE: Clinical/field agencies and state certification application may require drug screening and will require a criminal background check. Upon receipt of the completed Disclosure and Consent for a Criminal Background Check form, the program director will follow up with instructions on how to initiate the actual background check and how to make payment to the background check agency. The results of the background check must be available to the program director before final selection may be made. Any criminal activity will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and may prevent acceptance into the program. Additional requirements and/or disclosures may become necessary throughout the program. Any noncompliance to these mandates may result in termination from the program. All fees associated with these mandates will be the responsibility of the student.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Individuals who enroll at JCCC who have not been residents of the state of Kansas for six (6) months prior to the first day of the semester are considered non-residents and must pay the out-of-county or out-of-state tuition. Check with the Admissions Office for complete information about residency requirements.

FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

JCCC offers many opportunities through Financial Aid and scholarships to help JCCC's Paramedic Program students pay for college. To be considered for our program's scholarships, you must complete **BOTH** the FAFSA and the **JCCC Scholarship Application**. Federal financial aid, through the FAFSA, is available to all eligible U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and eligible non-citizens.

Since the Paramedic program spans January to December, it will require two application years:

- **Spring and Summer 2024** will be based on the **2023-2024** FAFSA and JCCC Scholarship Application. Both are available now.
- **Fall 2024** will be based on the **2024-2025** FAFSA and JCCC Scholarship Application.
 - The 2024-2025 FAFSA will open in December 2023.
 - The 2024-2025 JCCC Scholarship Application will be available in January 2024.

Kansas residents may also qualify for the **Kansas Promise Scholarship**: jccc.edu/kansaspromise
For additional info – visit JCCC Financial Aid Office at jccc.edu/financialaid

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

All students are required to participate in activities at hospitals and EMS services. These providers have requirements regarding visible tattoos and body piercing. Therefore, no visible tattoos are allowed during field or clinical internship or anytime the student is in the program uniform. Body piercing is limited to one earring in each ear.

Physical Fitness

In order to gain employment with most EMS services, you will have to pass a physical conditioning test. This test evaluates flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, upper body strength and body fat. Physical dexterity and stamina are required for the successful Paramedic student. The student must have the ability to articulate and control equipment involving finely tuned motor skills, including syringes, blood pressure equipment and the administration of medications. The student should have the ability and dexterity to lift up to 75 lb and move patients in a controlled and fluid motion. The student should be able to hear patient conversation and BP and breath and heart sounds through a stethoscope. The student should be able to see sufficiently to read dials and gauges. The student must be able to deliver patient care while in a kneeling position. The student must be able to deliver patient care while bending over 90 degrees. The student should be able to communicate to patients and crew so as to deliver effective patient care. Working out should be a part of your normal weekly routine.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PARAMEDIC SCHOOL YEAR

In order to have a better idea on how to plan for the coming year, here is an estimation of the time commitments you might expect. During the year you will be interning at many different sites within a 40-mile radius of the college. Your own transportation is required.

EMS 220 and EMS 225 – Spring

You will be in class Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9A – 4:45P with a 45-minute break for lunch. Unit final exams are given approximately every third Thursday morning. An optional review lab is available every Tuesday morning as well. Plan on studying a minimum of 12 hours/week with a total time commitment of at least 32 hours/week. After the first 8 weeks, you will also ride with area ambulance services two shifts a month. These shifts are typically on weekends and range from 12 – 24 hours in duration. When riding with field internship providers, you must adhere to program and field provider dress codes regarding facial hair and hairstyles.

EMS 230 – Summer

Summer is the time for your hospital clinical internship. During clinical internship, scheduled time commitments increase to 40 – 48 hours weekly, plus a field shift every other week. This time commitment does not include study time. Clinical shifts may vary from 8 – 12 hours and can occur at various times throughout a 24-hour period. These shifts are scheduled Monday through Saturday with occasional Sundays. Every Wednesday you will be in class from 9A – 4:30P. If some competencies required for the clinical phase of instruction are not accomplished during your scheduled rotation, you may have to return to a given area to complete the competency. Quizzes will be given in class every other week and a comprehensive final exam in September.

EMS 271 – Fall

This is the field internship phase of your training. During this period you will be assigned to a preceptor in one or more area ALS agencies. While assigned to the preceptor, you will work the preceptor's full-time work schedule. Shifts vary from 24-hour shifts rotating through an average of 10 days/month, to 10.5 –12-hour shifts which may run the same days every week. Typical 24-hour shifts begin and end at 7A, 8A or 9A. Other shifts have start and end times as diverse as 7A – 7P or 9P – 9A. During this period you will be spending 8 hours/week in the classroom. Class days will vary and are based on your field assignment. A total commitment of as much as 62 hours/week can be expected, not counting study time. A quiz will be given every other week with a comprehensive final in December. Students are required to demonstrate competency on multiple EMS call simulations, including randomly selected cardiac, medical and trauma scenarios, and passing scores on each section of a comprehensive final are required.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance requirements for all course activities are strict. The grading scale is 80% for passing, and 94% is required for an "A". Students must also demonstrate competency in various skill sets measured in lab, clinical and field environments throughout the year.

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM INTERNSHIPS

The Paramedic Program requires the completion of internships caring for patients in clinical and field environments. Our affiliate agencies will require drug screening, complete background checks, health care worker registry, and valid health care insurance coverage. The internship sites also have requirements that students require proof of vaccination. All students entering the Paramedic program will need to provide proof of immunization and/or immunity for the following:

- **Hepatitis B series and Immunity** – One of the following is required:
 - 3 vaccinations or
 - Positive antibody titer or
 - A signed school declination waiver

- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella** – One of the following is required:
 - 2 vaccinations or
 - Positive antibody titer for all 3 components

- **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis)
 - Submit documentation of Tdap or booster within the past 10 years

- **Varicella Zoster Virus** (Chicken Pox) – One of the following is required:
 - 2 vaccinations or
 - Positive antibody titer

- **Flu vaccine**
 - Must have the 2023 flu vaccine upon acceptance to the program and will need the 2024 flu vaccine when available
 - Must be completed annually between August 1 and October 31

- **TB screening** – One of the following is required:
 - 2 Step TB Skin Test (administered 1-3 weeks apart)
 - 2 consecutive annual skin tests (administered 10-12 months apart)
 - QuantiFeron Gold Blood test (Lab report required)
 - IGRA blood test (Lab report required)
 - Clear chest X-Ray (Lab report required)

- **COVID-19** – Due to rapidly changing affiliate rotation site requirements, contact the EMS Program Director for the most current requirements and processes.

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
www.jccc.edu/academics/credit/emergency-medical-science
Class of 2024

I. PREREQUISITES (includes A - D)

- A. High school graduate or GED certificate
- B. Kansas EMT certification (or eligible to sit for Kansas EMT exams)
- C. Successful completion (“C” or higher) of a college-level:
 - 1. Human Anatomy/Physiology (combined class) and 3 credits from any science or math general education course.
OR
 - 2. Human Anatomy AND Human Physiology (separate classes)
- D. Must have:
 - 1. Completion of general education requirements as listed on page 8 with a “C” or better OR
 - 2. Associates degree or higher, refer to page 9
 - 3. A cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better

NOTE: Students currently enrolled in prerequisite courses can be given consideration for interviews, and are required to develop an education plan, in conjunction with JCCC academic counselors, to complete all required prerequisites prior to the beginning of the course.

II. PREFERRED CRITERIA (to determine interview pool, if number of applicants exceeds 38)

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Weighting</u>
A. GPA	Actual GPA (max 4.0)
B. Anatomy/Physiology GPA	Grade points x 2 (max 8)
C. EMT grade	Grade points x 2 (max 8)
D. BA/BS degree	4 points
E. Completion of EMT practicum 133 OR 6 months full-time experience (1020 hours) as EMT in 911 response system	2 points
F. Completion of ECG course (EMS 140 or equivalent) with “C” or better	2 points
G. College Success Courses (Any combination of COLL 176, COLL 178, COLL 186 or COLL 200. One point per credit hour with a “C” or better.)	Up to 3 points

For example, a student having a GPA of 3.0, who completed EMS 131 with a “B”, completed Biology 144 with an “A”, completed EMS 140, COLL 176 & COLL 178 with a “C” or better.

GPA 3.0 + EMS 131 6.0 + Biology 144 8.0 + EMS 140 2.0 + COLL 176 1.0 + COLL 178 1.0 = 21 points. Maximum of 31 points is available.

III. SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Grades in the Program: All students are expected to earn a grade of “C” or higher in all Paramedic program courses in order to continue. Students not earning at least a grade of “C” will not be allowed to continue in the program, nor may those credits be used toward meeting graduation requirements.

<u>First Semester (Spring)</u>	<u>Credits</u>
EMS 220 (First 8 Weeks)	10
EMS 225 (Second 8 Weeks)	<u>10</u>
	20
<u>Second Semester (Summer)</u>	
EMS 230 (Clinicals)	12
<u>Third Semester (Fall)</u>	
EMS 271 (Field Internship)	<u>15</u>

TOTAL = 47 Credit Hours

NOTE: Students must be enrolled at least two days prior to the start of class or their position will be offered to an alternate.

IV. CLASS MEETING TIMES

First Semester (Spring) – Classes will meet three 8-hour days/week for classroom work. During the second half of the semester, students will spend approximately 48 hours/month for field experience. Some weekends will be involved.

Second Semester (Summer) – Clinical rotations will include approximately 40-48 hours/week in the hospital or classroom and approximately 48 hours/month for field experience. Weekends will be involved.

Third Semester (Fall) – The fall semester will involve a field internship with a Type I (ALS) unit. Internship shifts are generally 24 hours in length, averaging 56 hours/week. There will also be classroom meetings every week. Weekends will be involved.

V. PROJECTED COSTS

Tuition:

Johnson County, Kansas, resident – \$97*/cr. hr.

Kansas - other counties – \$116*/cr. hr.

Metro Rate (applies only to students residing in ZIP codes starting with 640 or 641) – \$143*/cr. hr.

Out-of-state – \$228*/cr. hr.

* The JCCC Board of Trustees has the right to change tuition and fees without notice.

Other Estimated Associated Costs: \$4,000.00

Uniforms and supplies (bandage scissors, calipers, penlight)

Textbooks/manuals

Exam fees

Background check/drug testing fee

Missouri Family Care Safety Worker Registration

Specialty courses (ACLS, PALS, etc.)

Miscellaneous fees including lab tests to verify immunity status as required by clinical providers

Health insurance (not provided by program/not included in cost estimate)

Students should anticipate traveling to clinical or field sites as far as 50 miles from JCCC. Depending on where student lives, he/she may travel several hundred miles per week while an intern in EMS 225, EMS 230, EMS 271. Transportation to and from clinical/field agencies is the responsibility of the student. The program cannot guarantee clinical or field assignments close to a student's home.

Note: Proof of auto insurance may be required.

All healthcare costs are to be assumed by the individual student. Neither the college nor the clinical agency in which students are assigned is responsible for the provision of any healthcare nor for any payment of costs related to an injury or the exposure to or infection with a disease. Students are required to obtain hospital and outpatient insurance coverage during their association with the health career programs at Johnson County Community College.

VII. GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

English – ENGL 121 = 3 credit hours

Humanities – AAS Elective = 3 credit hours

Social Science/Economics – AAS Elective = 3 credit hours

Math/Science

Option 1 – BIOL 144 = 5 credit hours AND Science/Math AAS Elective = 3 credit hours

Option 2 – BIOL 140 = 4 credit hours AND BIOL 225 = 4 credit hours

Total – 17 Credit Hours

OPTION II: PARAMEDIC VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE

Before beginning professional courses:

- **Associate degree or higher* WITH**
- Kansas EMT (page 5)
- National Registry EMT or eligible to sit for National Registry Examination AND
- Successful completion of a college-level human anatomy/physiology course with lab (5 credit hours or greater)

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>CR</u>
EMS 220	Medic I	10
EMS 225	Medic II	10
<u>Second Semester</u>		
EMS 230	Medic III Clinicals	12
<u>Third Semester</u>		
EMS 271	Medic IV Field Internship	15
TOTAL PARAMEDIC PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS		47

A minimum grade of “C” for all prerequisite course work is required.

*If candidate does not possess an associate degree or higher, see Option I.

PARAMEDIC SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

If you have applied before and were not selected, you must reapply.

New JCCC Students:

1. Prospective Paramedic students who have not attended JCCC before or if it has been more than two years since you last attended, must complete a JCCC application for admission. The application is the first step in the enrollment process. **IMPORTANT:** Select the Fall 2023 term, Non-Degree seeking or Liberal Arts for your major.
2. After you receive your JCCC ID number, follow the steps below. It may take 10 business days for your application to be processed, please email the Admissions (jcccadmissions@jccc.edu) office if you apply within 10 days of the posted deadline.

Current JCCC Students:

1. Have your JCCC username, password, and a copy of your certification/licensure cards available.
2. Download the **Paramedic Program Information Packet** (available June 1).
3. Complete the **Paramedic Program Application** from the Paramedic web page (jccc.edu/academics/credit/emergency-medical-science/mict-admission-process.html).
4. Submit the **Proof of Certification/Licensure** form with images of your current cards.
5. Download/sign/date/submit **Statement of Understanding Paramedic Program Internships** form.
6. Submit the electronic **Disclosure and Consent for Background Check** form.
7. Submit your **Paramedic Applicant Work History** form.
8. Arrange for official transcripts to be sent directly to JCCC from **ALL** previous colleges you have attended. It is not necessary to request JCCC transcripts or transcripts already on file at JCCC. Your transcripts must demonstrate a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible for admission to the program.
9. Monitor your personal admission plan on your MyJCCC account and your JCCC student email for information on your application status.

If you have trouble with the application, please contact Selective Admissions at 913-469-3438.