

St. Cloud Technical & Community College
Paramedicine Program
Current SCTCC Student - Information Packet

Welcome!

Health programs have specific requirements for students to complete.

This material is to help guide you through the process from beginning to graduating from your intended health major.

Staff and faculty are here to assist with your educational journey and look forward to seeing you on campus!

Paramedicine Program Description

The Paramedicine Program is a full-time program that begins each fall semester.

The Paramedicine program is 5 semesters:

- Fall semester 1
- Spring semester 2
- Summer semester 3
- Fall semester 4
- Spring semester 5

18 students are accepted each fall semester.

It is a competitive program that requires a 2-application process.

Paramedics are faced with initiating care to acutely ill and injured patients in limited conditions. Lifesaving procedures and decisions are determined in an instant. Graduates of the paramedicine program receive a high level of training to provide advanced care through medications and invasive procedures in the pre-hospital and hospital environment.

Our graduates put their skills to work for private ambulance companies, hospitals, emergency flight services (both helicopter and airplane), industry and city health agencies, fire departments and law enforcement agencies. Paramedics also can incorporate their training in other career fields like park services and ski patrol.

Paramedicine Careers

Career choices include Paramedic, Emergency Department Technician, and Flight Paramedic.

Potential employers include ambulance services, hospitals and urgency rooms, flight services (helicopter and airplane) event coverage industry and city health agencies, fire departments and law enforcement agencies. Paramedics also can incorporate their training in career fields like park services and ski patrol.

- The three-year placement rate for the Paramedicine program is 100%.
- The average Central MN hourly salary range is \$18.00 per hour.

Academic Advising Center – Current Student Advising Meetings

Current students are required to meet with an advisor at least once a semester to receive a registration access code and review their academic plan.

We encourage students to visit more often with any questions or concerns they may have.

We are here to align you with resources that are available and help guide you through your educational journey at SCTCC!

Definition of a *Current Student* is one that has:

- Completed the Admissions process and fully accepted to SCTCC AND
- Completed e-orientation and scheduled an initial appointment with an academic advisor OR
- Currently registered for classes at SCTCC as a current, accepted student.

Academic Advising Center: 320-308-5741

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Paramedicine Program application (2nd application):

Applicants **MUST** be a *Current Student* (applied and accepted to SCTCC).

Students can apply to the program with pre-requisites in progress, **MUST** be complete prior to the start of the program. Priority will be given to students with all pre-requisites complete at the time of application.

Applicants must be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC (cumulative GPA of 2.0 and cumulative completion rate of 67%).

Students who are on academic warning or probation will only be considered through an appeals process.

- The Paramedicine application is open December 1st through April 1st. Applications will remain open until program is filled. Qualified applicants received after April 1st will be placed on the alternate list.
- Application is found at <https://sctcc.edu/paramedicine-apply-online>

The Paramedicine program is competitive and the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admission standards.

Paramedicine Program Requirements

- A minimum grade of “C” or better AND a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above in pre-requisite coursework is required to be considered for admission.
- Pre-requisites must be completed before start of the program. Preference may be given to applicants with all pre-requisites complete.
- Re-Take Options: Pre-requisites and General Education courses may be re-taken one time (Consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses).
- When applying to the program, applicants must be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC (not on warning or probation - cumulative GPA 2.0 & cumulative completion rate of 67%).

General Education pre-requisites include:

HLTH 1440 Medical Terminology		1 credit
EMSC 1450 EMT – 1	} (EMT-1 & 2 courses, MUST take in same semester)	6 credit
EMSC 1455 EMT – 2		
BLGY 1321 Human Biology (OR BLGY 2310 and BLGY 2320 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II)		4 credit

General Education Courses (Can be taken during Paramedicine program)

Goal area 1 Communications – Written (Example: ENGL 1303, 1302)	3 credit
CRTK 1300 Critical Thinking	3 credit
CMST 1320 Introduction to Communications	3 credit
PSYC 1304 Life Span Psychology	3 credit

Students MUST supply documentation OR take course work at SCTCC:

MATH Requirement:

- Accuplacer: minimum score of “44” OR “225”.
If scores are not met, consult with an Academic Advisor to discuss course options.
- Students may meet the math requirement due to previous college math course work, consult with an Academic Advisor.

MN EMSRB Certification:

- Students must have earned MN EMSRB Certification before starting the program

Historical Applicant Data – Paramedicine Program (Previous years – Student Data)

Start Date	Seats Available	Total # of Applicants	* Total # of Qualified Applicants	Average GPA in pre-requisites	** Earned AA, HSBF, Bachelor's degree OR Health Degree	** Earned 9 or more pre-requisites at SCTCC
Fall 2015	18	26	9	3.09	0	8
Fall 2016	18	22	13	3.12	4	9
Fall 2017	18	20	15	3.39	2	6
Fall 2018	18					

*Prerequisite courses complete with a GPA of 2.5 or higher

** Students accepted to the Paramedicine program earned /completed areas

Application Timeline for the Paramedicine program at SCTCC Estimated dates and are subject to Change!

Must be a current SCTCC student to apply to the program

The Paramedicine application is open December 1st through April 1st.

- Applications will remain open until program is filled.
- Qualified applicants received after April 1st will be placed on the alternate list.

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6 weeks after application period closes:

- Acceptance letters sent to the top 18 applicants.
Students offered admission to the Paramedicine program must respond by the date noted in the acceptance letter to reserve their seat in the program.
- Alternate List applicants are notified of their status (not accepted to the program, currently on the alternate list).
- Non-accepted applicants are notified and are encourage to meet with an Academic Advisor to discuss:
 - ways to improve your application before reapplying to the program
 - your educational options / course selection for next semester
 - other programs and opportunities at SCTCC

Students admitted to the Paramedicine program

- Students will be notified of the date and time for the mandatory Paramedicine student orientation, usually held in June.
- Students MUST supply documentation of current AHA/Basic Life Support.
- Students will be required to take and pass a MN Criminal Background study, electronic fingerprinting AND drug testing (paid for by the student).

In addition the following must be completed: A medical examination, vaccinations against Hepatitis B or signed release form, Mantoux test, mandatory attendance at an informational meeting and background check.

Students placed on the *Alternate List* for the Paramedicine Program

- Applicants who meet the requirements but were not admitted because the program was full will be placed on a ranked alternate list.
- Students placed on this list will be eligible for admission to the program if spaces open prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
- ALL students who wish to gain admission to the Paramedicine program in the future must reapply, including those who were on the previous year's alternate list.

If an applicant is accepted and declines to be admitted into the program, no preference will be given to the applicant should he or she choose to apply in any subsequent year. In order to be considered for admission in any subsequent year, such students will need to go through the entire application process again.

The Paramedicine A.A.S. program is a 64-credit degree

Length of Program Once Admitted: 5 semesters

Start: Fall Semester/August

Program courses (once accepted)	= 59 credits
Pre-requisites credits (minimum)	= 5 credits
TOTAL	64 credits

Paramedicine Program Course (once accepted)

Fall - Semester I

EMSP 1401 EMS Operations	3 credit
EMSP 1402 Paramedicine Skills I	3 credit
EMSP 1403 Introduction to Pharmacology	1 credit
EMSP 1405 Medical Emergencies	3 credit
TOTAL	10 credits

Spring - Semester II

EMSP 1404 Emergency Pharmacology for Paramedics	2 credit
EMSP 1407 Cardiology I	2 credit
EMSP 1410 Cardiology II	4 credit
EMSP 1432 Support Services Internship	2 credit
TOTAL	10 credits

Summer – Semester III

EMSP 1409 Paramedicine Skills II	2 credit
EMSP 1441 ALS Ambulance Internship	2 credit
EMSP 2438 Emergency Department Internship	3 credit
TOTAL	7 credits

Fall – Semester IV

EMSP 2412 Paramedicine Skills III	2 credit
EMSP 2420 Specialized Populations	2 credit
EMSP 2425 Advanced Trauma Care	2 credit
EMSP 2430 ALS Ambulance Internship II	2 credit
EMSP 2435 Critical Care Internship	2 credit
TOTAL	10 credits

Spring – Semester V

EMSP 2442 Acute Care Internship	2 credit
EMSP 2481 Paramedicine Internship	6 credit
EMSP 2485 Paramedicine Skills IV	2 credit
TOTAL	10 credits

General Education courses

MNTC Goal Area 1 Communications-Written	3 credit
CMST 1320 Introduction to Communication	3 credit
CRTK 1300 Critical Thinking	3 credit
PSYC 1304 Lifespan Psychology	3 credit
TOTAL	12 credits

Estimated Cost of Program

- Tuition & Fees (64 credits) \$14,933
 - Books, Supplies, Materials \$ 2,020
- \$16,953

Please visit <http://www.sctcc.edu/financial-aid> for tuition and fees rate, cost of credits and programs. Also, there is information on how to apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Licensing Exam

Graduates of the Paramedicine program will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree and are Eligible to take the National Registry exam for paramedics upon completion.

FAQs – Paramedicine Program

Can I apply directly to the Paramedicine program?

Students MUST be a *Current Student* (applied and accepted to SCTCC).

Can I apply to the program without all of the pre-requisites complete?

Students can apply with pre-requisites in-progress, MUST be complete prior to the start of the program. Priority will be given to students with all pre-requisites complete at the time of application.

Can I re-take a pre-requisite course to improve my GPA?

Each pre-requisite course may be re-taken 1 time. Please check with an advisor before re-taking classes. Students may not receive Financial Aid for the re-take course.

When does the Paramedicine program start?

The Paramedicine program is a 5-semester program that begins each Fall Semester.

How many students are accepted?

18 students are accepted each fall semester.

Can I attend Part-Time?

The Paramedicine program is a *full-time* program only.

When can I apply to the Paramedicine program?

The Paramedicine application is open December 1st through April 1st and will remain open until program is full.

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Once accepted to the program, what is the schedule like?

First Semester: Monday & Wednesday 8am-11am, Tuesday & Thursday 8am-2pm

Second Semester: Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2pm Support Services Internship (hours will vary)

Third Semester: Paramedicine Skills class Monday 9am-3:30pm OR Thursday 9am-3:30pm
ALS Ambulance, Emergency Department and Acute Care Internships (hours will vary)

Fourth Semester: Paramedicine Skills Monday 9am –1pm OR Thursday 9am-1pm
Wednesday class from 9am-3pm. ALS Ambulance and Critical Care Internships (hours will vary)

Fifth Semester: Paramedicine Skills Monday & Wednesday 9am-3pm
Acute Care & Paramedicine Internship (hours will vary)

Is the Paramedicine program accredited?

Accreditations & Credentials

- CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs)
- CoAEMSP (Commission on Accreditation of EMS Programs)
- MN Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB)
- National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)

St. Cloud Technical & Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Checklist to Acceptance

Health Programs at St. Cloud Technical & Community College (For Students Currently Enrolled at SCTCC)

Cardiovascular Technology • Dental Assistant • Dental Hygienist • **Paramedicine**
Practical Nursing • Nursing (2-year RN) • Sonography • Surgical Technology

- Register for pre-requisite courses for intended health major (each semester you and an advisor will review your academic plan).

- Earn a high GPA to be considered for health majors.

- Apply to the health major when requirements have been met and the program application window is open.

For details, please refer back to the Packet Information.

Visit SCTCC! – Paramedicine Program Information Session

Thank you for your interest in the Paramedicine program at SCTCC!

We invite you to sign up for a Paramedicine Information Session to learn more about the program. <https://www.sctcc.edu/infosessions/HEALTH>

After reviewing this information, if you need further assistance, please contact:

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