

St. Cloud Technical & Community College Paramedicine Program

Prospective 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.

Paramedicine Program Admissions Process – 1st Steps

First application

- Complete online application found at <http://www.sctcc.edu/application>
- Apply as a Pre-Paramedicine/AA degree student
- Pay \$20.00 application fee
- Submit high school / college transcripts
 - MN State college transcripts are available to SCTCC once student applies.
 - Official college transcripts are required from University of MN and all private colleges.

Students returning to St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC) will contact Admissions office to re-open and update student file.

Admissions Office: 320-308-5089 ● Email: enroll@sctcc.edu

If transferring to SCTCC

If you have previously earned credits and want to know if they will transfer in for the program pre-requisites, please apply to SCTCC as a Pre-Paramedicine student (see steps above) student so the Registration Office can review your transcript(s).

Check <http://www.transferology.com> for unofficial course equivalency information.

e-orientation

Applicants that are fully accepted to SCTCC will be notified by the Admissions office about when and how to complete e-orientation and meet with an academic advisor.

Students starting Fall Semester: e-orientation and advisor appointments begin in April.

Students starting Spring Semester: e-orientation and advisor appointments begin in November.

Students starting Summer Semester: e-orientation and advisor appointments begin in February.

Academic Advising Center - Current Student / Advisor 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 ● Email: aac@sctcc.edu

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, 1308, 1309)	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

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.

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

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.

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Are any of the Paramedicine program courses offered online?

Once accepted to the program, all courses are held on-campus or at a Clinical site.

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

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

- Complete Admissions Process – 1st Steps
- Complete e-orientation
- Schedule an Advising & Registration appointment
(available after completion of e-orientation)
- Register for pre-requisite courses for your 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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