

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (425)

About Our Program

This program is not conducted on Highland's campus. Through a variety of partnerships between area paramedic training programs, licensed paramedics can have their completed coursework documented on an official college transcript or choose to continue their studies to earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Emergency Medical Services. Students have the opportunity to complete general education support courses towards their AAS while in progress of completing their EMS training.

Previously Licensed Paramedics

Currently licensed paramedics may be eligible to receive prior learning credit for the core paramedic courses (fees apply). The following minimum criteria must be met in order to be eligible for prior learning credit:

1. A current Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) or National Registry Paramedic License.
2. Letter of good standing from the local EMS system coordinator.

The student must also meet the minimum graduation requirements to earn the Associate Degree:

1. Overall cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 or higher.
2. Have enrolled at Highland for the last 15 approved semester hours applied to a degree preceding graduation or earning at least 30 approved semester hours of credit at Highland.

The student must meet with the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health to review their individual situation and develop a course plan to meet graduation requirements.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Program Support Courses		
BIOL 120	Found of Anatomy & Physiology	5
ITHC 101	Basic Medical Terminology I	1
ITHC 102	Basic Medical Terminology II	1

ITHC 103	Basic Medical Terminology III	1
PSY 161	Introduction to Psychology	3
SPCH 191	Fund of Speech Communication	3
Diversity Elective		3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 121	Rhetoric and Composition I	
COMM 101	Technical Communications	
BUSN 141	Business Communications	
Core Curriculum		
NURS 112	EMT Paramedic I	11
NURS 113	EMT Paramedic - II	11.5
NURS 114	EMT Paramedic III	11.5
NURS 115	EMT Paramedic - IV	7
NURS 116	Paramedic Clinical	2
NURS 196	Emergency Medical Training	6
Total Hours		69

¹ Course has a prerequisite. See course description.

Program Outcomes

- Students will apply basic paramedic skills
- Students will demonstrate basic paramedic clinical decision-making skills
- Students will interpret clinical application of theory and skills
- Students will link knowledge of patient care across the life span with the clinical decision-making practices of a paramedic
- Students will display advanced knowledge of Pathophysiology and body systems
- Students will interpret protocol and best practice to determine safe patient care
- Students will distinguish between accident/injury and neglect/ abuse and appropriately document and report the nature of all patient care through an independent, objective written voice.

Program Contacts

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