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Paramedic Program Profile

The Foothill College Paramedic Program is designed to prepare you for employment as a paramedic working for emergency medical services agencies, such as ambulance services, fire agencies, fixed- and rotary-wing operations and hospital emergency rooms. The ability to multitask, work well in chaotic environments, handle stress, communicate well, perform physical tasks quickly, and work collaboratively with others is paramount to your success in this program and this profession.

The program is a rigorous 12- to 15-month sequence of instruction with entry in the Fall Quarter only starting in September. This program is designed for the student who has worked as an EMT in a full-time capacity (or equivalent of 960 hours of part-time experience) for at least six months. The program is demanding and requires a strong commitment.

The program begins with three quarters of didactic (classroom) instruction. The final two quarters include clinical rotations and the intensive field internship.

You must apply to be considered for the program's selective admission process. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, you will be qualified to apply for state paramedic licensure. You can also earn an associate in science degree or a bachelor of science degree upon completion of additional courses. We encourage prospective students to consider this option and long-term career goals by consulting a Foothill College counselor. To schedule a consultation, call (650) 949-6950.

Didactic Phase

Foothill paramedic lab skills and simulations are specific and of high quality, and include 600 hours of lecture, skill labs and simulated 911-call practice. You will attend two eight-hour meetings each week for nine consecutive months. Through a special collaboration between Foothill College and Stanford University, you will hear lectures from physicians and attend procedural and gross anatomy cadaver laboratories at Stanford University.

Clinical Rotations

Clinical rotations provide you with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills you have learned in the classroom as you care for patients in a controlled setting. You will participate in two types of clinical rotations: specialty and emergency room. During the second quarter of didactic, you will complete 32 hours of specialty clinical rotations, such as respiratory therapy, operating room, intensive care unit or others. You must be prepared to alter your work and personal schedules to attend didactic two days per week, and specialty rotations for at least one day per week (during Winter Quarter only). You will complete a minimum of 144 hours in an approved emergency room. Rotations will include weekends, nights and/or variable shifts. You must complete at least 16 hours of clinical rotations per week, and you must complete the course within the 12-week quarter.

Ambulance Field Internship

During the final phase, you will work between 480 and 720 hours on assignment with an approved 911-ambulance service agency under the supervision of a paramedic preceptor. You will be required to implement theoretical knowledge, laboratory simulations and hospital-clinical experience on patients. You will be responsible for responding on an ambulance to aid ill and injured patients while you are being instructed and evaluated. Your internship will include variable hours as well as weekend, holiday and night shifts.

Program Curriculum

The program's curriculum exceeds state law requirements. Instruction is based upon the United States Department of Transportation Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic National Standard Curriculum, Title 22, ACLS, PALS, PEPP, BTLS, PHTLS, National Registry of EMTs paramedic examinations, and studies of current nationwide protocols and expanded practices.

Admission Requirements

You must meet the following requirements to be considered:

1. Possess a high school diploma or equivalency;
2. Possess current EMT and BLS (CPR) Certification;
3. Meet technical standards specified in program curriculum;
4. Completed *MATH 101* course or equivalent college-level course or place into the *MATH 105* course on the Foothill College Placement Test;
5. Completed six months of full-time work (960 hours) in an EMT, EMS capacity; and
6. Completed or are eligible to enroll in college courses, including *ESL 25* or *ENGL 110*.

Application Process

To obtain an application online, access www.foothill.edu/bio/programs/paramed. To request an application by mail, call (650) 949-6955. You may also pick up an application at the Middlefield Campus Administration Office, in Palo Alto, or Room 5211 at the Main Campus in Los Altos Hills.



About Foothill College

Foothill College is located on El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills, just off Interstate 280, about 20 miles north of San Jose and 40 miles south of San Francisco. The Foothill Middlefield Campus is located minutes from Highway 101 at 4000 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto.

Since opening in 1958, Foothill College has been recognized as one of the outstanding community colleges in the United States. In keeping with its philosophy of educational opportunity for all, Foothill offers outstanding instruction and student support services, including counseling, tutoring and financial aid.

For more information on the Foothill Paramedic Program, access the college Web site at www.foothill.edu/bio/programs/paramed or call (650) 949-6955, (650) 949-6950 or (650) 949-7249.



I'd like more information about the **Foothill College Paramedic Program**.

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