

## *Paramedicine Diploma (PT12)*

### DESCRIPTION

The Paramedicine Diploma program prepares students to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Paramedic is a link from the scene into the health care system. The Paramedicine diploma program prepares students for employment in Paramedic positions in today's health services field. The Paramedic diploma program provides learning opportunities that introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills from the EMT/EMT-I 1985/AEMT levels to a paramedic level. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic certification exam and apply for Georgia licensure with the State Office of Emergency Medical Service and Trauma (SOEMST) as a paramedic. Criminal background checks and drug screens may be required based on the requirements for participation in clinical experiences.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Paramedicine Diploma program are prepared to become paramedics. Paramedics are in demand for employment with medical service providers, ambulance services, hospitals, industry, and air ambulances.

### LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

Graduates are prepared to take the licensure exam administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) paramedic certification exam. Program requirements meet Georgia Department of Community Health-OEMS/Trauma for training programs for paramedics.

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Submit a completed application and application fee;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Provide documentation of current licensure as a Georgia EMT;
4. Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
  - Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
  - Meet the following assessment requirements:

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical
COMPASS	70	32	26
SAT	430	NA	400
ACT	13	12	17

### PARAMEDICINE CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Paramedicine diploma program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester for basic skills courses. A new program begins every fall semester. To graduate, Paramedicine diploma-seeking students must earn a minimum of 60 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1410 contact hours and generally takes 4 semesters to complete and is offered in the daytime.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>Basic Skills Courses</b>	<b>6</b>
ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English I (OL)	3
MATH 1012 – Foundations of Mathematics (OL)	3
<b>Occupational Courses</b>	<b>54</b>
ALHS 1011 – Anatomy and Physiology (OL)	5

ALHS 1090 – Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences (OL)	2
COMP 1000 – Introduction to Computers (OL)	3
EMSP 2110 – Foundations of Paramedicine*	3
EMSP 2120 – Applications of Pathophysiology for Paramedics*	3
EMSP 2130 – Advanced Resuscitative Skills for Paramedics*	3
EMSP 2140 – Advanced Cardiovascular Concepts*	4
EMSP 2310 – Therapeutic Modalities of Cardiovascular Care*	3
EMSP 2320 – Therapeutic Modalities of Medical Care*	5
EMSP 2330 – Therapeutic Modalities of Trauma Care*	4
EMSP 2340 – Therapeutic Modalities for Special Patient Populations*	4
EMSP 2510 – Clinical Applications for the Paramedic I*	2
EMSP 2520 – Clinical Applications for the Paramedic II*	2
EMSP 2530 – Clinical Applications for the Paramedic III*	2
EMSP 2540 – Clinical Applications for the Paramedic IV*	1
EMSP 2550 – Clinical Applications for the Paramedic V*	1
EMSP 2560 – Clinical Applications for the Paramedic VI*	1
EMSP 2570 – Clinical Applications for the Paramedic VII*	1
EMSP 2710 – Field Internship for the Paramedic*	2
EMSP 2720 – Practical Applications for the Paramedic*	3

(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. \* "C" or higher grade is required for this course.

### PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition/Fees: \$5,220

Books/Supplies: \$500

Uniform Costs: Approximately \$250\*

Liability Insurance: \$46 per fiscal year

Certification Exam: \$300

Physical Exam: \$150

TB Test: \$40

Hepatitis B Series: \$265

#4402 Forensic Drug Panel (7) or similar screening: \$25

Criminal Background Check: \$39 - \$80

Course Supply Fees:

- EMSP 2110 Foundations of Paramedicine: \$20
- EMSP 2140 Advanced Cardiovascular Concepts: \$20
- EMSP 2320 Therapeutic Modalities of Medical Care: \$20
- EMSP 2720 Practical Application for the Paramedic: \$20

(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)

### CLINICAL EDUCATION

Number of Clinical Sites: 7

General Location of the Clinical Sites:

Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties

Special Requirements of the Clinical Sites:

5. CPR Certification

6. Beginning second semester students must submit a medical exam stating that the student is in good health. This must include documentation of TB skin testing, all required immunizations, including Hepatitis B. Students who refuse the Hepatitis B vaccination series must sign a declination form and be aware that clinical sites may refuse to accept them. Forms will be provided by the instructor;
7. Criminal Background Check
8. Urine Drug Screen

### *Clinical Education Courses*

The Paramedicine clinical experiences are combined with the courses. Students are provided opportunities for in-depth application and reinforcement of principles and techniques in pre-hospital settings. The clinical experience allows the student to become involved in a professional work situation applying technical skills.

Program faculty will outline the minimum number of hours that will be spent in a supervised work setting. Students may not receive pay from the clinical site for clinical hours. Students are evaluated by the clinical site preceptor.

### *Clinical Assignments*

Clinical times may vary. Some clinical times may be scheduled to include shift work. Clinical sites are selected by the program coordinator. Students are responsible for having reliable transportation to the site.

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### **QUESTIONS:**

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at [enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu)!

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