



2019-2020 Paramedic Course

“A” Shift

Application Packet

APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 1, 2019

Brandon Poteet, Director of EMS Education/Professor
Curtis Groseclose, EMS Clinical/Lab Coordinator
Dr. Doug Lewis M.D., Medical Director
Dr. James Frame, M.D., Assistant Medical Director
Christine Hix, Health Science Administrative Assistant
Becki Rathfon, Health Science Advisor

The Grayson College EMS Education Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) with the goal *“To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels.”*

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs
1361 Park Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
727-210-2350

2019-2020 Paramedic Course Admission, Selection and Acceptance

Dear Candidate:

Candidates applying to the EMS program must first apply for admission to Grayson College and submit all required documentation to the Admissions Offices prior to registration. See GC Catalog "General Academic Policies, Admissions" for more information.

In addition to the admission requirements of Grayson College, the applicant must be 18 years of age and possess EMT certification and/or licensure as defined by the National Registry of EMTs or Texas Department of State Health Services. Admission to the EMS program is selective, with registration in EMS courses by permission only. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the EMS program.

**Application deadline for the 2019-2020 Paramedic Course
Thursday, August 1, 2019, 1600 hours**

Paramedic Admission Requirements:

1. **Completed Health Science Division Application for Admission.**
2. **Completed Verification Statement.**
3. **Copy of transcripts** from all previously attended colleges or universities. Turn in to the GC Admissions Office official transcripts from all colleges previously attended. Turn in to the EMS Education program unofficial transcripts.
4. **Documentation of Fisdap Paramedic Entrance Exam Scores.** Contact *Grayson College Testing Center* for testing schedule and procedure at <http://grayson.edu/getting-started/testing-center/index.html> Exam must be completed before application deadline. Scores will be made available to GC EMS Program Director only. Testing will be available June 1, 2019 till August 1, 2019.
5. **Copy of current EMT certificate or license** issued by one of the following: State of Texas or National Registry of EMTs.
6. **Copy of current CPR for Healthcare Provider card** issued by the American Heart Association.
7. **Pre-Entrance Physical Exam and Health Statement** completed by approved medical professional. Use the document found in this packet.
8. **Documentation of immunization*** as follows:
 - a. *Tdap*; within 10 years of clinical start date
 - b. *Measles, mumps, rubella*; two injections before clinical start date
 - c. *Varicella*; vaccination date before clinical start date
 - d. *Hepatitis B*; three injections before clinical start date, without schedule interruption
 - e. *Influenza*; annual vaccine with the most up-to-date strains
 - f. *Meningococcal*; although not required it is highly recommended for the EMS program. Please consult your primary care physician
 - g. *Pneumococcal*; although not required it is highly recommended for the EMS program. Please consult your primary care physician
 - h. *Negative tuberculosis skin test* (or negative chest x-ray with positive skin test); within the 6 months before clinical start date

* Immunity may be documented with titer

Paramedic Transfer Students

A transfer student is a person who attended another paramedic program and transferred course credit for advanced placement in Grayson College's EMS program.

Students who provide evidence of academic credit in paramedic level course work from a Nationally (CAAHEP/CoAEMSP), fully accredited college(s) or university(ies) in good standing at the time of the student's attendance may be eligible for admission and advanced placement in Grayson College Emergency Medical Services program if all transfer requirements have been satisfied:

- Must meet general admission requirements of Grayson College and the requirements of the Paramedic Program.
- Applicants will be evaluated on an individual basis by the EMS Admissions and Standards committee.
- Admission is contingent upon space availability.
- Transfer applicants are considered for entry into spring or summer semester of the paramedic program only.
- Applicants who do not meet the specified requirements may apply for initial admission to the program.
- All applicants that transfer from another nationally (CAAHEP/CoAEMSP), accredited college (s) or university (ies) will be required to have two (2) satisfactory references from their previous program.
- A Student Consent for Release of Academic Records for entry into Grayson College EMS program for previous programs attended will be required.
- All transfer credit requires a passing grade as identified by the transferring accredited college (s) or university (ies).
- EMSP courses used for transfer for advanced placement must have been completed in the past year. Science courses must have been completed in last five years. All other admission policies apply.
- Applicants for transfer may be asked to verify academic standing and/or clinical skills by written examination and/or practical demonstration in the EMS skills laboratory.
- Transfer students who have failed in another paramedic program are eligible to seek entry into the Grayson EMS program as an initial applicant.
- Admission to the Paramedic program after failure in another college or university EMS program will be allowed provided the student is eligible for readmission to the failed program or recommended by the previous EMS Program Director. Official letters from the failed program are required for validation.

Advanced Placement

An advanced-placement option is available for students currently holding a current National Registry Paramedic certification who have a desire to obtain an Associate in Applied Science in Paramedicine degree, or a Certificate of Completion in Paramedicine. Through an assessment of professional certifications and previous professional experience, you may be eligible to exempt a maximum of 24 credit hours toward the A.A.S. degree in Paramedicine, or 15 credit hours towards a Certificate of Completion in Paramedicine. Grayson College reserves the right to require students to demonstrate competency through satisfactory completion of coursework, certification, challenge or exemption exams, or experiential learning. Each student's certification and experience will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Grayson College EMS program does not offer any advanced placement for anyone seeking an A.A.S. in Paramedicine or Certificate of Completion in Paramedicine, holding paramedic certification or licensure from any entity other than the National Registry of EMTs. There is no advanced placement, or bridging, of other allied health certifications/licenses.

Paramedic Selection and Acceptance:

Applications for paramedic course received by **Thursday, August 1, 2019, 1600 hrs**, will be reviewed for the required documentation listed above by the EMS Admissions Committee during the five days immediately following the deadline. Only complete applications will be considered for selection.

Applications will be prioritized for selection to the Paramedic Course Waiting List using the score of the Fisdap Paramedic Entrance Exam.

In the case where applicants having equal scores must be chosen for limited space availability, the selection will be made by the EMS Admissions Committee and/or Program Director. Applicants will be notified regarding selection or non-selection by telephone or email, or both, at least five days prior to the scheduled orientation.

Should more applications be received than seats available, a waiting list will be maintained until the first class day. Any remaining applications will be destroyed.

Final Paramedic Acceptance Requirements:

1. Attend the **mandatory** orientation day on campus, **August 12, 2019, 0900-1300** in room 210 of the Health Science building.
2. Pass a urine drug screen (at the student's expense and completed as scheduled through a GC approved company).
3. Pass a criminal background check (at the student's expense and completed as scheduled through a GC approved company).



GRAYSON COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Following Acceptance
Recent Snapshot
Required

Circle Program Desired				
Associate Degree Nursing (RN)	Dental Assisting	Emergency Medical Services (Basic) Day/Evening (Paramedic)		
Medical Laboratory Technology	Radiologic Technology	Transitional Entry (LVN to RN)		
Vocational Nursing				
Date Applied: _____		Desired Entry Semester/Year _____		
Name: _____			Student ID # _____	
Last	First	Middle		
Mailing Address: _____				
Street/Box	City	State	Zip	
Telephone #1 _____		Telephone #2 _____		
E-Mail Address: _____				
Emergency Contact: _____				
Name	Address	Relation		
Phone #: () _____		Email: _____		

Submit To: Health Science Department or Program Director

NOTE: Applications are not automatically “held over” from one official application filing period to the next. Students who are not selected for admission the semester for which they apply or students declining the acceptance for that semester must keep their file active by submitting updated information and return a letter of intent during the next filing period to be considered for the next admission opportunity. **All inactive files will be purged.**

With respect to the admission and education of students; with respect to the availability of student loans, grants, scholarships and job opportunities; with respect to the employment and promotion of teaching and non-teaching personnel; and with respect to the student and faculty activities conducted on the premises owned or occupied by the College, Grayson College shall not discriminate either in favor of or against any person on account of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, or disability. GC does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities it operates. Inquiries concerning the application of title IX and its implementing regulations may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or to the Office of Civil Rights. Title IX Coordinator is the Vice President of Student Services.

Grayson College 6101 Grayson Drive Denison TX 75020-8299 903-465-6030 Fax 903-415-2523

Verification Statement

Candidate Name

GC Student ID

I have read the following information regarding application requirements, selection, and acceptance into the Grayson College EMS Education 2019-2020 Paramedic Course:

- Admission Requirements
- Selection and Acceptance Procedure
- Final Acceptance Requirements
- Required Documents
- Required Immunizations
- Eligibility for Certification or Licensure

I have attached the following documentation to my application for the Grayson College EMS Education 2019-2020 Paramedic Course:

- Application for Admission to the Paramedic Course
- Documentation of FIDSAP Paramedic Entrance Exam Scores
- Unofficial Copies of College Transcripts
- Copy of EMT certificate or license
- Copy of current CPR for Healthcare Provider card
- Pre-Entrance Physical Exam and Health Statement
- Documentation of Required Immunizations
- Completed the FIDSAP Paramedic Entrance Exam

I have completed the Grayson College admissions process and am eligible for Fall 2019 registration.

Signature of Paramedic Candidate

Date

Grayson College
Health Science Department
Pre-Entrance Physical Exam and Health Statement

Name _____	DOB _____
Address _____	
Email _____	

Home Phone _____	Cell _____
***** Please see Physical/Mental Performance Policy on reverse*****	
Physical Exam Summary	
Recommendations	
Physical Limitations	
This applicant is in adequate physical and mental health to participate in the Health Science Division programs.	
Signature (MD, DO, PA, NP)	Date
Address	

Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression Policy

Pre-Entrance Physical Exam and Health Statement
(Reference for your MD, DO, PA, NP)

In order to accomplish the objectives of the program, students must be able to meet the following core performance requirements:

1. Visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify cyanosis, absence of respiratory movement in patients, and to read small print on medication containers, physicians' orders, monitors and equipment calibrations.
2. Hearing ability with auditory aids to understand the normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face and to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells from patients and stethoscopic sounds originating from a patient's blood vessels, heart, lung and abdomen.
3. Physical ability to stand for prolonged periods of time, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, lift patients, and move from room to room or maneuver in limited spaces.
4. Ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form. Ability to speak clearly and succinctly when explaining treatment procedures, describing patient conditions, and implementing health teaching. Ability to write legibly and correctly in patient's chart for legal documentation.
5. Manual dexterity to use sterile techniques and inset catheters. Prepare and administer medications such as IVs, POs and IMs.
6. Ability to function safely under stressful conditions, adapting to ever-changing clinical situations involving patient care.

Required Immunizations

All students must submit a copy of the records of the following immunizations with a validation stamp or signature, a signed statement from a physician, or lab report indicating serologic confirmation. **Please note that some of these immunizations take up to six months to complete. Immunizations must be started in time to complete the series before the beginning of the clinical course. If unable to complete the series before the beginning of the clinical course, the applicant is not eligible for admission.**

1. TETANUS/DIPHThERIA/PERTUSSIS (Tdap) (Immunization)
One dose of Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) immunization within the last 10 years.
2. MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR) (Immunizations or blood test)
If born after January 1, 1957 must have proof of two doses of the MMR vaccine administered on or after the 1st birthday and at least 30 days apart – or -
proof of serologic confirmation of measles, mumps and rubella immunity – or -
serologic evidence of infection.
3. VARICELLA (Chickenpox) (Immunization or blood test)
Serologic confirmation of varicella immunity – or –
varicella vaccine – one dose if vaccinated from age 12 months to 12 years – or -
if vaccinated at age 13 years or older, 2 doses are required 4-8 weeks apart.
4. HEPATITIS B (Immunization or blood test)
Series of three hepatitis B vaccines – or –
serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B
5. Negative tuberculosis skin test (or negative chest x-ray with positive skin test)
6. INFLUENZA VACCINE
Annual influenza vaccination with the most up-to-date strains predicted on the basis of viral surveillance data is required.
7. MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE
All on-campus college students who are under the age of 22 must have the meningococcal vaccination within the previous five years. Even though not required for students over the age of 22 it is highly recommended. Please consult your primary care physician.
8. PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE
Even though not required for the EMS program it is highly recommended. Please consult your primary care physician.

Due to compliance with clinical facility requirements and Texas Department of State Health Services recommendations, GC Health Science programs may not waiver immunization requirements for any reason. If immunizations are not complete, application to the program must be delayed.

Copies of records from physician's offices, public health department, public schools, other colleges and the military are acceptable. Students should provide a **copy** of the records. Please do not turn in the originals.

Eligibility for Certification or Licensure

National Registry of EMTs

The National Registry does not issue a permit to work or license to practice, and does not warrant job performance of applicants and EMS professionals.

Eligibility for Certification

- No individual is eligible to apply for certification or recertification unless compliance with all NREMT rules and standards are demonstrated.
- The individual must truthfully complete and submit an application in the form provided by the NREMT and shall provide all additional information as requested.
- The individual must at all times be eligible for and not barred from practice as an Emergency Medical Technician under the laws of any state EMS licensing or authorizing agency.
- An individual convicted of a felony or any other crime directly related to public health or the provision of emergency medical service, including DUI, will be reviewed for eligibility for certification and recertification under policies outlined in the NREMT's Felony Policy.
- The NREMT reserves the right to withhold or revoke certification from an individual who has failed to pay for services rendered.

Texas Department of State Health Services

Requirements for Initial Certification/ Licensure

- At least 18 years old
- Complete high school or GED
- Successful completion of a DSHS approved course
- Submit EMS personnel certification application and fee
- Pass National Registry Exam

Eligibility for Certification/ Licensure

All initial EMS applicants are required to submit their fingerprints through the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas (FAST) for Texas/FBI criminal history check. A person shall be disqualified from eligibility to acquire an EMS certification if the applicant is convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition for an offense listed in Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.12, Sections 3g(a)(1)(A) through (H) as follows: (1) murder; (2) capital murder; (3) indecency with a child; (4) aggravated kidnapping; (5) aggravated sexual assault; (6) aggravated robbery; (7) substance abuse offenses, as described in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481, for which punishment is increased under: (a) Health and Safety Code, §481.140, regarding the use of a child in the commission of an offense; or (b) Health and Safety Code, §481.134(c), (d), (e) or (f), regarding an offense committed within a drug free zone, if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under one of those subsections; (8) sexual assault; (9) an offense, other than an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009, for which the person is subject to register as a sex offender under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62.

Paramedic Course of 2019-2020
Detailed Cost Analysis (subject to change)

Registration Expenses - Paid to GC at Registration

Tuition:	All Paramedic Courses	Per credit hour (36)	\$85.00	\$3,060.00
Lab Fees:	All Paramedic Courses	Per course (10)	75.00	750.00
Required Fees:	Matriculation Fees	Per semester (6)	10.00	60.00
	Student ID Fees	Per semester (6)	6.00	36.00
	Parking Fee	Per semester (6)	10.00	60.00
Other Fees:	Liability Insurance	Per year (1)		20.00
	Skills Testing Fee	Per year (1)		50.00
	Criminal Background Check/ Drug Screen	Per year (1)		100.00
	FISDAP Entrance Exam Fee	Pre-Acceptance (1)		26.00
	FISDAP Fee	Per year (1)		110.25
	Uniform Fee	Per year (1)		150.00
Total Registration Fees:				\$4,422.25

Textbooks – Publisher Price

Author	Title	New
Caroline's	Emergency Care in the Streets, 8 th Ed. ISBN: 9781284137279	\$ 774.95
	Pharmacology Applications ISBN:9781284098440	134.00
Garcia	12 Lead ECG: The Art of Interpretation, 2 nd Ed. ISBN: 9780763773519	127.00
Garcia	Arrhythmia Recognition: The Art of Interpretation, 2 nd Ed. ISBN:9781449642334	165.94
NAEMT	PHTLS – Prehospital Trauma Life Support. ISBN: 9780323065023	75.00
Total Textbook Cost		\$1,276.90

Miscellaneous Supplies

3" 3-ring binder with tabs	\$10.00
Stethoscope	25.00
Wristwatch	20.00
Penlight	10.00
Trauma shears	10.00
Total Supply Cost:	\$75.00

Certification/ Licensing Fees

NREMT Paramedic Application Fee	\$125.00
Texas Dept of State Health Services Application Fee	96.00
Fingerprinting Fee [for first-time Texas applicants only]	44.20
Total Certification/ Licensing Cost:	\$265.20

**2019-2020
Paramedic
"A" Shift
Course Schedule**

Mandatory Orientation
Classroom/Lab Days
Clinical: Hospital
Clinical: Ambulance

Holidays:

Labor Day Sept. 2nd
 Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28-29
 Christmas Break Dec. 24-25
 Spring Break March 9-13

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug-19		12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sep-19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Oct-19	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Nov-19	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Dec-19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Jan-20	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Feb-20	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Mar-20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Apr-20	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
May-20	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Jun-20	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Jul-20	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Aug-20	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

First 8 Weeks	
EMSP 1338	Intro to Advanced Practice
EMSP 2206	Emergency Pharmacology
EMSP 2137	Emergency Procedures
Second 8 Weeks	
EMSP 2434	Medical Emergencies
EMSP 1356	Patient Assessment/Airway Management
EMSP 2137	Emergency Procedures
Winter Mini-Mester	
EMSP 1161	Paramedic I Clinical
Third 8 Weeks	
EMSP 2330	Special Populations
EMSP 2444	Cardiology
EMSP 2137	Emergency Procedures
Fourth 8 Weeks	
EMSP 1355	Trauma Management
EMSP 1149	Trauma Life Support
EMSP 1147	Pediatric Life Support
EMSP 2135	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
EMSP 2137	Emergency Procedures
Spring Mini-Mester	
EMSP 2162	Paramedic II Clinical
Summer One	
EMSP 2563	Paramedic III Clinical
Summer Two	
EMSP 2143	Assessment Based Management



Frequently Asked Questions about the Paramedic Course

Where can I get my immunization records? The best resources for getting childhood immunization records are: parents, high school records, military records, personal physician, and the health department. Please know that the immunizations must be completed prior to clinical start dates. *Note: A letter from parent or guardian regarding varicella (chicken pox) is no longer acceptable. Record of vaccines or titer showing proof of immunity is required.*

Is the paramedic course going to be a “shift based” course? Yes. The 2019-2020 Paramedic Course will meet on “A” shift. Refer to the course schedule on a previous page of this packet.

What are the days and times of the course? The course will meet on “A” shift days, except Sundays. When the “A” shift day falls on Sunday, the paramedic course will not meet. Class meets 0900 – 1600 hrs for lecture and 1700 – 2000 hrs for laboratory/ skills each class day.

Why did the course add the extra time for laboratory/skills each evening? When National Accreditation site visitors toured the laboratory facilities they noted that the resources available to the EMS program were excellent. We were directed to adjust our course schedule as necessary to gain access to those resources. The early evening hours were best-suited for full access to paramedic students.

Did this additional time add to the number of hours needed to complete the paramedic course? Yes and no. The semester credit hours were increased from 33 to 36 hours. The time dedicated to each class day was increased by two hours. We shortened the classroom hours and added a dinner break. The class day is longer; however, the course length remains the same.

When will I graduate? Paramedic students who successfully complete the course requirements are scheduled to graduate in August 2020.

When I successfully complete the course, will I be eligible to sit for the National Registry certification exam? Yes! The Grayson College EMS Education program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Education Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions.