

PARAMEDIC MEDICINE

CAREER GUIDE

Job Functions

The paramedic is a vital healthcare worker providing highly skilled care to the patient before they arrive at a hospital. In many cases, the care given in the pre-hospital setting can mean the difference between life and death. The field of emergency medicine is perfect for those seeking a physically and mentally demanding job and who enjoy helping people during crises. Some of the responsibilities routinely performed by a paramedic include:

- Demonstrating technical competence in all basic and advanced life support emergency care interventions within the national scope of practice model.
- Analyzing emergency situations and assessing patients utilizing a systematic approach
- Developing and implementing a prehospital patient care plan as the medical leader on a multidisciplinary team of public safety personnel
- Displaying values consistent with the professional identity of a paramedic

Career Opportunities

The program is designed for students pursuing a career in the prehospital emergency field. The industry has grown quickly in recent years, and highly qualified technicians are in high demand.

Average Salary

Median Hourly Wage.....\$29.00

Hourly Wage Range.....\$23.02 – 38.78

Source: "Nevada 2024 OES Wage Data"

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Program Information

The program prepares students with the necessary skills, through both theory and practice, to meet the needs required of an EMS professional both locally and nationally. The Paramedic Medicine Program at CSN meets or surpasses all the local and national formal education requirements through a comprehensive breadth and complex depth of study in advanced life support. Successful completion of the program can lead to either a Certificate of Achievement (C.O.A) or an Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Paramedic Medicine from CSN and concurrent eligibility for professional certification through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as well as local licensure through the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) at the paramedic level. **Note:** Paramedics are recognized as the highest level of prehospital emergency medical service providers nationwide. Qualified applicants are expected to meet all admission criteria and matriculating students are expected to meet all progression criteria, as well as these Essential Functions of Paramedics located at:

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/emts-and-paramedics.htm#tab-3>

The program is limited to 24 students per cohort; alternates may be selected and placed on a waiting list. The selection process ensures unbiased review of all applicant qualifications, with significant emphasis placed on applicants with prior 911 experience, national AEMT certification, and a confirmed internship sponsor with a local 911 provider. Application information is located at: <https://www.csn.edu/education-and-training/limited-entry-admission>.

Approximate Costs

Tuition:

AAS 65 credits X \$136.25 per credit hr.....\$8856.25

COA 49 credits X \$136.25 per credit hr.....\$6676.25

Limited Entry Application Fee.....\$20.00

Student Union Fee per credit hr.....\$8.00

Technology Fee per credit hr.....\$11.50

Athletics & Recreation Fee per credit hr.....\$5.00

Books.....\$79.20 - \$1556.15

Lab Fees.....\$25-40/per lab

Clinical Scheduler\$200.00

Document Tracker.....\$70.00

Uniforms/Equipment.....\$00 - \$450.00

CPR Certification.....\$00.00 - \$80.00

Physical Exam.....\$00.00 - \$75.00

Immunizations.....\$0 - \$600.00

Certified Background.....\$33.00

Drug Screen.....\$48.00

Medical Insurance.....\$00.00 - \$500.00/month

Applies only if you are presently uninsured.

SNHD Provisional Licensure.....\$61.00

SNHD Fingerprinting (if applicable).....\$71.25

Exam SNHD Licensure (if applicable).....\$99.00

NREMT Cognitive (if applicable).....\$175.00

College Application Fee.....\$20.00

New Student Fee.....\$20.00

One-time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.

Non-resident Fee.....\$4775.00 per semester

This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

Accepted Students

Candidates should expect to attend in-person classes two days a week, participate in clinical rotations one day a week for four to twelve hours, and dedicate up to thirty-six hours per week to asynchronous study. This is a challenging program; maintaining full-time employment throughout the coursework will be difficult and must not interfere with required class or clinical times. Additionally, candidates will be required to show proof of Healthcare Provider CPR certification, health insurance, and immunization against Hepatitis B, MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), Varicella, and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis). Additional requirements include proof of a negative two-step TB skin test, negative urine drug/alcohol screen, physical examination and an official background check. All documentation is due prior to the first scheduled practicum/clinical experience.

Accreditation

The College of Southern Nevada 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 Profession (CoAEMSP).

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