

PARAMEDIC MEDICINE

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Job Description

The Paramedic is an important health care worker providing highly skilled care to the patient before he or she arrives at a hospital facility. In many instances, the care provided for the patient in the pre-hospital setting means the difference between life and death. The field of Emergency Medicine is the ideal field for that individual who is seeking a physically and mentally stimulating occupation and who enjoys helping people during crisis situations. Some of the responsibilities routinely performed by a Paramedic include:

- Providing definitive, advanced emergency care of critically ill and injured patients in the pre-hospital setting
- Providing fluid replacement utilizing intravenous technique
- Providing pre-hospital medication therapy as indicated
- Securing patient airway using advanced techniques

Career Opportunities

The program is developed for those students who are seeking a career in pre-hospital emergency care. This field has expanded rapidly in recent years and well-qualified technicians are in demand.

Average Salary

Median Hourly Wage.....\$21.10
Hourly Wage Range.....\$11.96- \$33.35
Source: "Nevada 2015 ES Wage Data"
www.nevadaworkforce.com

Program Description

The Paramedic Medicine Program at CSN meets or surpasses all national Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements. The Certificate of Achievement program provides students with advanced emergency medical skills training and offers a comprehensive, in-depth study of advanced life support skills. At the completion of the three-four paramedic coursework semesters, the student must take the National Registry of EMT's Paramedic certification exam. Upon successful completion of this exam, the student will be nationally certified and able to obtain employment as a paramedic. **Note:** 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 EMS Students located at: <https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/essentialfunctionsofemsstudents.pdf>.

Credentialing as a Paramedic

Prior to obtaining local employment, students must apply for licensure. Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) EMS Regulation 200.600 states that EMS applicants must be able to read, speak and understand the English language; verify that he/she is not addicted to any intoxicating liquors or drugs; and has not been convicted of any felony, gross misdemeanor, or other misdemeanor which indicates that the applicant might not be able to function properly as a licensee. Students who have questions regarding this issue should contact the SNHD EMS Office prior to applying to the program.

Approximate Costs

Tuition:

AAS 65 credits X \$109.75 per credit hr.....\$7133.75
COA 49 credits X \$109.75 per credit hr.....\$5377.75

Books.....\$450.00
Lab Fees.....\$15.00 - \$50.00/per lab
Uniforms/Equipment.....\$100.00
CPR Certification.....\$50.00 - \$75.00
Physical Exam.....\$50.00 - \$75.00
Immunizations.....\$0 - \$600.00
Certified Background.....\$35.00
Drug/Alcohol Screen.....\$37.00
Official Background Check.....\$50.00
Medical Insurance.....\$20.00 - \$190.00/month
Applies only if you are presently uninsured.
Provisional Licensure.....\$61.00
Certification Exams.....\$375.00
College Application Fee.....\$10.00
One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.

Non-resident Fee.....\$3322.50 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.

Application Deadline

Students applying for the program must submit an application to the Limited Entry Office by the **application deadline date**. A "Limited-Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" and "Program Checklist" is required with the application. Final grades or completed transcript evaluation must be in the Limited Entry Office by the **application deadline date**. (**Note: transcript evaluation process can take 8-10 weeks, you must initiate this process at least 10 weeks before the completion deadline**).

Accepted Students: Students accepted into the program 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 Professions (CoAEMSP).

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