



Paramedic Program Workshop

We're excited to announce that, for the first time, we will be offering a **Paramedic Program Workshop** for prospective candidates. This workshop is designed to help applicants prepare for both the written and psychomotor portions of the entrance exam.

Date: April 17th, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Central Washington University
Health Sciences Building, Classroom 318

The **morning session** will focus on preparation for the written EMT entrance exam, with a review of key topics such as **Anatomy & Physiology** and **OB/GYN**.

In the **afternoon**, instructors will lead a **mini psychomotor exam** to help familiarize candidates with the testing format. This is a great opportunity to meet instructors, tour the classrooms, and gain a clear understanding of what to expect from the full assessment and the Paramedic Program itself.

Attendance is highly encouraged for anyone considering applying to the program.

EMS PARAMEDIC PROGRAM 2026-2027 APPLICATION PACKET

This is a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and Committee on Accreditation for Emergency Medical Services Program Accredited Paramedic program that follows the National EMS Education Standards for Paramedics. The course includes approximately 1,500 – 2,000 hours of academic, hospital and field internship experience. During your paramedic education, you will become certified in (AHA) Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), (AHA) Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Prehospital Emergency Airway Course (PEAC). Upon successful completion of your paramedic training, you will be eligible to take the National Registry of EMT's Paramedic Exam.

**Please read and follow all directions carefully!
Incomplete applications will delay and/or prevent acceptance to the Program.**

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

This application packet contains the application requirements, program requirements, and the application form for the Central Washington University Paramedic Program.

Applications will be accepted from February 15th, 2026, until April 15th, 2026.

1. Original, signed Program Application
2. Copy of college or high school transcripts indicating GPA (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
3. Pay the 75\$ application fee – Pay here
https://secure.touchnet.net/C20530_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=117&SINGLESTORE=true
4. Photocopy of current driver's license
5. Photocopy of current EMT Certification or equivalent documentation

Applications should be completed. Do not mail it in, and do not send pictures of the application, it must be scanned in. Email all completed applications to Natalie Baldwin at Natalie.Baldwin@cwu.edu

The application fee is required to be paid for prior to evaluation and consideration of your application to the paramedic program.

APPLICATION REVIEW

After reviewing applications, eligible candidates will be notified via email that they have secured a spot for the BLS written exam and the EMT psychomotor assessment. Both portions of the exam will take place on **April 24th, 2026**, at **Central Washington University, Health Sciences Building, Classroom 318**.

- The **EMT written exam** will begin at **9:00 AM**.
- The **EMT psychomotor assessment** will begin at **1:00 PM**.

This is the **only day** the exams will be offered. The psychomotor assessment will conclude when all candidates have finished testing, but you should anticipate being on site for the entire day. Once you have completed your assessment, you are free to leave.

Your application fee will cover the visitor parking permit needed to attend the testing day. You will receive it virtually in advance.

The psychomotor assessment will encompass being “Team lead” for one EMT level scenario. The grading criteria will be based on the WA DOH EMT Medical and Trauma patient assessment, that can be found here, on page 13 and page 21. <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/530226.pdf>

Entrance Assessment

The entrance assessment will measure your knowledge of the following topics:

- Anatomy: questions ranging from basic to challenging.
- Physiology: questions ranging from basic to challenging.
- EMT-level content, to include: airway, cardiac, medical emergencies, OB-GYN, pediatrics, operations, and trauma.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Acceptance into the EMS Paramedicine Program is dependent upon successfully satisfying **all** entry requirements and scoring in the top 24 on the BLS written exam and EMT psychomotor assessment. If any of the 24 accepted candidates cannot complete the entry requirements, or must withdraw, the next candidates on the list will be notified of their conditional acceptance.

All candidates will be notified of their application status by May 1st, 2026.

CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

All successful applicants will be provided with a conditional acceptance letter with information regarding next steps. Each applicant must then complete and submit all clinical onboarding requirements, which are required for all of our hospital/clinical sites.

Clinical onboarding requirements include all of the following:

Immunization Records (*Positive titer results acceptable in place of shot records. Military immunity documentation acceptable.*)

- **Varicella (Chickenpox)**
 - Two shot series.
 - Minimum of 28 days apart.
- **Hepatitis B**
 - Three shot series.

- Initials shot plus additional doses at 1 month and 6 months.
- Signed declination or history of disease is acceptable.
- **Mumps, Measles, Rubella (MMR)**
 - Two shot series.
 - Minimum of 28 days apart.
- **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)**
 - Tdap shot must have occurred AFTER 2006.
 - If more than 10 years old, Td (tetanus) booster required.
- **Tuberculosis**
 - TB skin test OR TB blood test.
- **Influenza**
 - Current seasonal flu shot.
 - Must happen after September 1st, 2026.
- **COVID-19**
 - Two shot series of Pfizer or Moderna, OR one Johnson & Johnson dose.
 - You MUST email a picture of your COVID vaccine card. Exemptions are accepted based on the hospitals policies. Documentation stating the exact exemption will be required.

Background Check Completion

All students must complete a WATCH background check. Begin by visiting the WATCH website, here: <https://watch.wsp.wa.gov/>. Then you will:

1. "Establish a New Credit card account".
2. Fill in all required information and Submit.
3. Select "Criminal history request".
4. Fill in with your information.
5. Add name to search request.
6. Press Search Now.
7. Fill in appropriate billing information.
8. Press Submit.
9. Download results page.

Proof of CPR Card

Submit documentation of a current valid BLS CPR provider card from the American Heart Association. This is required by all clinical sites.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Accepted paramedic students will take the following CWU classes **all online, summer quarter 2026:**

- Medical Terminology
- Pathophysiology I
- Paramedicine I

These are not program prerequisites and are included within the program structure.

If you have already taken a medical terminology class, or an anatomy and physiology class of at least 4 college level credits from a college/university, this may be accepted in place of taking these classes. This will be determined by the admissions office. Paramedicine I is required for all students.

Because there are required summer classes, it is strongly encouraged that students needing financial aid submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible. Do not wait until being accepted into the program to secure funding for summer classes.

More information about FAFSA can be found here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

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EMS PARAMEDIC PROGRAM APPLICATION

Personal

Form with fields: First Name, Last Name, Mailing Address, City, State and Zip, Email Address, Cell Phone, Birth Date, CWU Student ID # (if applicable), Are you over 18? (YES/NO)

Education

Form with fields: High School, GED or Diploma awarded, College, Major, Degree or Credits Earned, City, State, Have you been admitted into CWU?, If NO, have you applied for admission?, I plan to: (Complete my Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine, Obtain my Paramedic Certification only, Undecided)

EMT Certification of Equivalent

Form with fields: Initial Certification Date, Location of Training, Current Expiration Date, Grade Received, Current EMT Status, CPR Expiration Date

EMS Agency Data

Form with fields: Do you have a current EMS Affiliation? (YES/NO), If YES, please complete the following: Affiliated Agency, EMS Supervisor or Fire Chief, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, E-mail

Certification of Accuracy

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that all of the information contained on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge there is no misrepresentation or falsification in my answers to the questions above or in the documents provided. I am aware that false statements or forgery of documents discovered through investigation will constitute grounds for disqualification and/or dismissal from the Central Washington University Paramedic Program.

I have read and understand the mandatory requirements for enrollment in the program. If accepted into this program, I agree to abide by Federal, Washington State and University rules, regulations, ordinances, and policies pertaining to emergency medical services, as well as any and all directives of the Medical Program Director.

Applicant Signature

Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRAM CHALLENGES AND ACADEMIC RIGOR

The paramedic education at Central Washington University is a monumental undertaking. The Program is one of only a few in the United States that awards a Bachelor of Science degree in the EMS discipline and is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of EMS Education Programs. Also, the CWU EMS Paramedicine Program is likely the only one that has a two-year concentration in the major of Paramedicine. The depth and breadth of the curricular content is unparalleled and quite rigorous—a product of the lofty goals we set for our graduates.

Most applicants, providers of EMS, and other healthcare professions often fail to appreciate the sheer magnitude of time, energy, commitment and resources necessary to complete this Program. It is important that you fully understand what is expected of you and the level of dedication and motivation that is necessary to complete this endeavor. It will most likely be the greatest challenge you will ever face and, likewise, one of the greatest rewards you will experience.

In this particular Program, we emphasize not only cognitive and skill accomplishments, but also professional and behavioral development. As such, attitude and demeanor are extremely important. In this educational process, and in the profession as well, you will be interacting with other healthcare professionals, faculty members, families, professionals of other disciplines, and the general public. How you approach and interact with these individuals is, in large measure, how you will be regarded as an individual, as well as an ambassador of the EMS profession. Individuals that are aloof or arrogant, defiant or uncooperative, and challenging and disrespectful will often be met with disapproval and general disregard. Such behavior would be a discredit to you and to the profession and is not tolerated while a student in the Program.

To successfully complete this Program, you must be committed to the enormous amount of time this Program demands of you. Students frequently report studying every evening for three or more hours during the week and well in excess of eight on each day of the weekend. This is often what is necessary for most individuals to succeed in the Program. Given the time demands in this Program, it is **strongly** recommended that students do not take any other classes, do not participate in organized sporting activities, do not participate in ROTC activities, or expect to have significant time for social activities. It is also recommended that students live on or near campus during the academic year. While in the first academic year of this Program, your education should be the first and foremost priority.

Additional demands include accrued costs outside of tuition and lab fees. Members of the Paramedicine cohort are expected to meet specific pre-internship requirements in accordance with CWU's affiliation contracts with various clinical (hospital) and field (ambulance) agencies. These requirements are listed in the "Student Requirements for Participation Packet" and include such things as providing the Program Office with copies of negative background checks, drug screen results, 2-step PPD results, immunization documentation, health assessment from the CWU health

center, malpractice insurance, current CPR certification for the Professional Responder, personal medical and automobile liability insurance, and so on. They must also subsidize their travel, lodging and food expenses, and finance the purchase of the necessary equipment and required uniforms. A cost estimate of the Program is provided to each accepted candidate at the Spring Orientation.

Much of the educational process in this Program depends upon you and your commitment to reading assignments in advance, studying lecture material, taking notes during class, reviewing your study information, and studying with others in small groups. There is a considerable expectation that you will be independent learner that will never fall behind. Absences from class and tardiness are a huge deterrent to performance. In addition, travel to ride sites and clinical sites are an integral part of this Program—you must have reliable transportation and assure your arrival to these clinical sites on time.

Academic performance is measured in three domains of education in this Program: Cognitive, Psychomotor, and Affective. Failure to maintain a satisfactory performance in any of these areas will result possible course failure and elimination from the Program. All courses must be completed with a letter grade of “B-” or better **without exception**. For each course in the EMS Paramedicine major in the first year, students must earn a 80% or better. This grade is calculated from prescribed components that are weighted (as detailed in each course syllabus) and the collective score determines the final grade. ONLY the final score is subject to mathematical rounding principles. Should a student earn a score below 80% in any course, that student will be dismissed from the Program. All psychomotor skill performances must meet established standards. Affective performances are measured in fourteen discipline-established parameters on an ongoing basis for each quarter.

In healthcare, we are all considered members of a larger medical team—all with the same goal: the patient’s well-being. No individual role in healthcare is more important than the others and all should be regarded with due respect and courtesy. Frequently through this Program, you will be a “guest” in the clinical or field environment of other healthcare professionals. At all times you should respect their role as provider, educator, and preceptor and be as accommodating as you reasonably can be.

These, and other demands and expectation, will likely challenge your participation and continuance in the CWU EMS Paramedicine Program throughout the academic years. It is important that you are fully aware of these and indicate your willingness to meet and overcome those challenges.

I, _____, have read this document, discussed it with my family and loved ones, and fully understand that participation in this Program will be challenging, rigorous, and a considerable commitment of my time and energy. Furthermore, I hereby affirm that I will make every reasonable effort to succeed in this Program and meet the expectations of the faculty, Program Director, and Medical Director to the best of my abilities.

Applicant Signature

Date