



## **ADVANCED STANDING - APPLICATION PACKET**

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

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Application packets must be complete and on file in the Program office located in Purser Hall after application to the University is successful. Applications may be mailed or submitted in person to:

Central Washington University  
EMS Paramedicine Program Office, Purser Hall  
Vickie Ostrow, Program Coordinator  
400 E. University Way  
Ellensburg, WA 98926-7572

Individuals must submit the following documentation in one packet:

- 1) **Original**, signed Program Application (page 3 of this document)
- 2) Copy of all college transcripts indicating GPA (may be unofficial transcripts for Program application purposes)
- 3) Photo copies of:
  - a) EMT-Paramedic Certification or equivalent documentation from a state certifying agency or National Registry of EMTs
  - b) Program completion certificate from institution providing paramedic education that meets acceptance criteria approval (see below)
    - i) This can be substituted with approved evidence of satisfactory program completion documentation (e.g., transcripts, course completion grade reports, letters of confirmation from the Program Director, etc.)
- 4) Original, signed Acknowledgement of Course Challenges and Academic Rigor (page 4 of this document)

It is **important to note** that this Advanced Standing application **does not** substitute for the application (and application process) for entry into the first year of the two-year Paramedicine Major nor does it substitute for the application (or application process) for admission to the University. This Advanced Standing application is for students who already have a paramedic certification and is seeking advanced standing status into the EMS Paramedicine Program for the second year of the Major.

### **ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA**

Acceptance into the EMS Paramedicine Program is dependent upon successfully satisfying all of the entry requirements stated above and, subsequently, receiving admission into the University.

Advanced standing into the EMS Paramedicine Program at CWU is contingent upon (1) having a current or past Paramedic (or equivalent) certification from a recognized state certifying agency, and (2) having completed paramedic education from an accredited education institution (CoAEMSP and CAAHEP accredited).

### **PROGRAM COMPLETION CRITERIA**

To be eligible to graduate with a Bachelor Degree in Paramedicine from Central Washington University, every student must complete 60 Upper Division Credits. The second year of the EMS Paramedicine Major provides 45 of those credits. To satisfy the remaining, the EMS Paramedicine Program is offering an opportunity to attain 16 additional Upper Division Credits through two separate online courses: EMS 444 – 12-lead Electrocardiography (4 credits) and EMS 490 – Cooperative Education Internship (12 credits). Both of these courses are offered in the summer quarter only. The online EMS 444 course is available to Advanced Standing students **only**.

In addition to these online courses, which total 61 credits, an additional 44 credits are necessary to satisfy the required credits in the major of EMS Paramedicine (the major requires a total of 105 credits). Those 44 credits are awarded through experiential learning by providing evidence of current paramedic certification along with evidence of successful completion of an educational program from an accredited institution.

Courses in the second-year of the Major are exclusively delivered online (distance education platform) and provide the same level of instructional content and recognition as traditional, in-classroom courses. Students unfamiliar with online (distance) education should contact the Program Office to discuss the benefits, requirements and academic demands of online learning.

In summary, the breakdown of courses in the Advanced Standing option is as follows:

- Awarded credits for experiential learning for a total of **44 credits** (paramedic certification and course completion certificate)
- EMS 490 and EMS 444 for a total of **16 credits** during any summer quarter
- Second year online courses for a total of **45 credits** during the fall, winter, and spring quarters

These courses, when successfully completed, will satisfy the 105 credits in the major of EMS Paramedicine. To graduate with the Bachelor of Science degree, every student must also satisfy the General Education requirements of the university. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cwu.edu/academic-advising/general-education-requirements> Additional information can be obtained by visiting: <http://www.cwu.edu/online-learning/> for online learning at Central Washington University.

For each individual student, a Program of Study will be developed which will guide academic progress and identify successful graduation goals and requirements. For most students entering into the EMS Paramedicine Program with advanced standing, once the General Education requirements are met, the Program requirements are met (see above), and an adequate credit load is attained, graduation is typically imminent.

Any additional questions should be directed to the EMS Paramedicine Program Coordinator, Vickie Ostrow, at (509)963-1098 or [ostrowv@cwu.edu](mailto:ostrowv@cwu.edu).



Central Washington University

EMS Paramedicine Program
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PERSONAL

Form with fields: Name (Last, First, MI), CWU Student ID# (if applicable), Mailing Address, Home Phone, Cell Phone, City, State, Zip, Email Address.

EDUCATION

Form with fields: High School, City, State, Diploma/GED (Check One), College, City, State, Major, Degree or Credits Earned, Paramedic Education Institution Name, Address, City, State, Zip.

EMT-Paramedic CERTIFICATION OR EQUIVALENT

Form with fields: Initial Certification Date, State (or country) of Certification, Expiration Date, Level of Provider.

COMPUTER DATA

Form with questions: Do you have adequate computer capabilities to take online courses? Do you have reliable Internet access to take online courses? Do you have bandwidth/Internet access speed to take online courses? If you answered "No" to the above, do you have plans to correct these deficiencies soon? Do you anticipate having the time necessary to complete online course requirements?

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 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 EMS education, as well any and all directives of the Program Director.

Applicant Signature

Date

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRAM CHALLENGES AND ACADEMIC RIGOR

The educational process in the EMS Paramedicine Degree Program at Central Washington University is a monumental undertaking. The Program is one of only several in the United States that awards a degree and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP) through Committee on Accreditation of EMS Education Programs (CoAEMSP); and 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 fail to appreciate the sheer magnitude of time, energy, commitment and resources necessary to complete this Program via an online platform. 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. Although it will likely be a notable challenge, it will also likely provide you with considerable rewards in the future.

To successfully complete this Program, you must be committed to the enormous amount of time and motivation necessary to complete distance education. Since online courses depend heavily on independent learning, there is an expectation that students will commit additional time to reading and writing as required in the individual courses. For most courses, expect to commit **at least** six hours per week to reading and four hours per week writing for each course. This average is based upon typical courses and students with average reading and writing skills. Some courses may demand more reading and/or more writing.

Although distance education (online learning) offers many benefits, such as leisurely completing course requirements at times convenient to you, collaborating with fellow students, seeking resources outside of class, and a marked expansion of knowledge in the paramedicine discipline, it also has many associated demands. Principal among them is self-discipline and motivation. It is essential that you establish a firm and unwavering study schedule for each week and develop safeguards to avoid falling behind in courses or missing assignment deadlines. Most student that take online courses for the first time fail to anticipate the time demands, the need to maintain a strict learning schedule, and strict adherence to the assignment deadlines. Course expectations and successful course completion goals are outlined in each course syllabus. Be sure to clarify with your instructor those expectations.

It is also important to note that this Program aspires to promote discipline growth and substantive individual professional development. As such, you will often be asked to learn and demonstrate understanding of principles and concepts that are not commonly practiced in paramedicine. This is an important part of professional development and discipline growth, as you are expected to serve as a leader and role model for the future of emergency medical services.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff at Central Washington University, we welcome you to the EMS Paramedicine Program and wish you the very best.

Please acknowledge your understanding of the challenges and academic rigor of this Program by signing this document below:

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.

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Applicant Signature

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Date