

## **Paramedic Program**

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**John Adams Campus**  
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**SPRING SEMESTER 2009**  
**PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**



The paramedic program at CCSF provides didactic instruction, hospital clinical and field internship experience to assist students in developing the theoretical and technical skills consistent with the goals and objectives of the 1999 U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Paramedic. The program takes approximately 18 months to complete and consists of over 700 hours of didactic instruction, at least 160 hours of clinical hospital internship and at least 480 hours of field internship. This program complies with the standards set forth in the California Health and Safety Code, Division 9, Title 22, Chapter 4 and the Standards and Guidelines of the Commission on Accreditation for EMS Education Programs (CoAEMSP accreditation number 600-218). Upon successful completion of the CCSF Paramedic Program, students will receive a course completion certificate and be eligible to take the National Registry Examination and apply for California State licensure as an EMT-Paramedic.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

1. High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent
2. Immunizations –(required during the first semester of enrollment after accepted into the program)
3. Current California Driver's license, EMT-Basic certification and CPR certification (with AED)
4. 3-6 months of work experience as an EMT-Basic (prehospital experience preferred)
5. Attendance at mandatory information meeting held each Fall semester at the John Adams Campus
6. Passing score on the qualifying written examination (offered in Fall every 2 years)

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROFESSION:**

Paramedics are emergency medical technicians (EMT's) with additional advanced training to more thoroughly evaluate the clinical condition of patients and provide advanced life support care in the prehospital setting. As the highest level of emergency medical responder in EMS systems, paramedics respond to incidents as varied as motor vehicle collisions, heart attacks, drownings, childbirth, seizures, and gunshot wounds. Most commonly, paramedics provide this vital attention as they care for the patient on the scene and during transport to a medical facility. Paramedics work for various agencies such as private ambulance companies, fire departments, rural emergency departments, helicopters and other private industries, in full-time, part-time and volunteer capacities. Paramedic work is physically strenuous and stressful involving life or death situations and suffering patients. For a more thorough look at the profession and the occupational outlook, see the Bureau of Labor and Statistics website at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov) or the California EMS Authority website at [www.emsa.cahwnet.gov](http://www.emsa.cahwnet.gov).

**TUITION:** (subject to change without prior notice)

- \$20.00 per semester unit for California residents
- \$179.00 per semester unit for non-residents (plus \$20 per semester unit enrollment fee)
- \$16.00 for Student Health Benefit Fee for ALL students

**OTHER FEES:**

- Books (approx. \$500)
- Lab fee: (due the first month of class) \$100.00
- PHTLS, ACLS and PEPP certification fees (required for paramedic practice in most California EMS Systems)
- Optional Field internship fee: varies with ALS provider internship programs. City College of San Francisco Paramedic Program has written agreements with many internship providers around the Bay Area and in Northern California. A student may choose to apply for an internship at any of these internship providers. Additional fees for internships will apply if the student chooses to apply for an internship at the San Francisco Fire Department or American Medical Response. These fees are paid directly to the internship provider.

## **COURSEWORK:**

Classes are held twice each week on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm at the John Adams Campus at 1860 Hayes Street San Francisco. During the Fall semester students begin clinical hours at San Francisco General Hospital in the Emergency Department, Psychiatric Emergency Services, Pediatrics, Labor & Delivery and the Intensive Care Unit. Students also complete rotations in the Operating Room of a contracted local hospital. Clinical and field internship hours are arranged outside of and in addition to didactic hours.

**CURRICULUM:** *Successful completion of the program earns 53.0 semester units.*

### SPRING SEMESTER

EMTP 120: Paramedic Theory-Human Systems

EMTP 121: Paramedic Theory-Roles and Responsibilities of the Paramedic

EMTP 122: Paramedic Theory-Drugs, IV and Airway

EMT 104: Advanced Skills for the EMT

EMTP 123: Paramedic Theory -Trauma

### SUMMER SEMESTER

EMTP 124: Paramedic Theory -PHTLS certification

EMTP 125: Paramedic Theory-Cardiac

### FALL SEMESTER

EMTP 126: Paramedic Theory-Endocrine/Nervous systems

EMTP 127: Paramedic Theory-Special/Abdominal

EMTP 128: Paramedic Theory-Reproduction/Pediatrics

EMTP 129: Paramedic Theory-Special Systems

### SPRING SEMESTER

EMTP 130: Clinical and Field Internship

## **TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

The following identifies the technical standards needed for the profession of a paramedic and for students enrolling in the CCSF Paramedic Program:

Paramedic students must possess sufficient ability to:

1. Lift at least 125 lbs unassisted.
2. Stand, carry and balance on uneven terrain.
3. Stoop, kneel, climb, crouch and crawl as needed to reach patients and safely remove and transport.
4. Carry and utilize emergency medical equipment appropriately.
5. Communicate verbally to patients, physicians, nurses and co-workers.
6. Hear, understand and react quickly to verbal instructions and patient needs.

In addition, students must be able to travel to clinical and field sites as assigned and work varying shifts and hours as assigned.

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