



City College of San Francisco

## John Adams Center

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## PARAMEDIC PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR FALL 2024 COHORT

The paramedic program at CCSF provides didactic, lab and scenario-based instruction, clinical, and field internship experience to assist students in developing the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective competencies consistent with National EMS Education Standards. 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 regulations set forth in the California Health and Safety Code, Division 9, Title 22, Chapter 4 and the Standards of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP accreditation number 600218). Upon successful completion of the CCSF Paramedic Program, students will receive a course completion record and be eligible to take the National Registry Examination and apply for California State licensure as a Paramedic. The program has both certificate and Associate degree in Paramedic tracks.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:** (see website for further information [www.ccsf.edu/paramedic](http://www.ccsf.edu/paramedic))

- 1-3. Current California EMT certification, California driver's license and CPR card (AHA BLS provider level).
4. 3-6 months of work experience as an EMT (prehospital experience preferred).
5. Attendance at a mandatory information meeting online live attendance available through Zoom (approx. one hour).
6. Completion of EMT 104 Advanced Skills for EMS Providers with a C grade or better.
7. Completion of EMT 120 or BIO 106 (formerly ANAT 14) or equivalent college level Anatomy & Physiology course with a C grade or better
8. Immunizations, background screening and drug testing (required during the first semester of enrollment after accepted into the program)

### PARAMEDIC PROGRAM MANDATORY ORIENTATION DATES (attend one)

Jan 31, 2024	WEDNESDAY	5:00pm – 6:00pm	<a href="https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/83679442677">https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/83679442677</a>
Feb 22, 2024	THURSDAY	5:00pm – 6:00pm	<a href="https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/82538415983">https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/82538415983</a>
Mar 15, 2024	FRIDAY	8:00am – 9:00am	<a href="https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/86945583897">https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/86945583897</a>
Apr 24, 2024	WEDNESDAY	1:00pm – 2:00pm	<a href="https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/84863103325">https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/84863103325</a>

**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 mentally 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.ca.gov](http://www.emsa.ca.gov).

For more information about graduation rates, loan repayment rates, and post-enrollment earnings about this institution and other postsecondary institutions please click here: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

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## PAYING FOR COLLEGE:

**COSTS:** (subject to change without prior notice) Go to “[Tuition and Fees Office](#)” or call 415-239-3522 Financial Aid available. Go to “[Financial Aid Office](#)” (Search) at [www.ccsf.edu](http://www.ccsf.edu) or call 415-239-3577

- California residents: \$46 per unit; “Free City” Program: free tuition for eligible S.F. residents. See [www.ccsf.edu/freecity](http://www.ccsf.edu/freecity)
- Nonresidents: \$360 per unit (\$46 per unit + \$307 nonresident tuition + \$7 Capital Outlay)
- \$20 Student Health Fee (\$16 in Summer)

## OTHER FEES:

- Books (approx. \$600) and
- Certified background, immunizations, drug screening: (due the first month of class) \$100
- PHTLS, ACLS and PEPP/PALS certification fees (required for paramedic practice in most California EMS Systems)
- Field internship fee: varies with ALS provider internship programs. These fees are paid directly to the internship provider.

Visit the [CCSF Virtual Campus](#) for more information about our resources for students and to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

**COURSEWORK:** Classes are held twice each week on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the John Adams Center at 1860 Hayes Street, San Francisco. During the second 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. Starting in the first semester and continuing throughout the program, students 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.

## Courses Required for the Certificate of Achievement in Paramedic:

**Prerequisite courses:** **EMT 104** Advanced Skills for EMS provider

**BIO 106** Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology

### **FALL SEMESTER (Year 1)**

EMTP 121: Introduction to EMS  
EMTP 122: Pharmacology and Advanced Airway  
EMTP 123: Trauma Emergencies  
EMTP 124: Trauma Certification  
EMTP 125: Cardiorespiratory Emergencies

### **SPRING SEMESTER**

EMTP 126: Neuroendocrine Emergencies  
EMTP 127: Medical Emergencies  
EMTP 128: OB/GYN & Pedi Emergencies  
EMTP 129: Special Populations, EMS Ops

### **SUMMER**

EMTP 130A: Paramedic Clinical Education

### **FALL SEMESTER (Year 2)**

EMTP 130B: Paramedic 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.

For licensing information, please visit: [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) (National Registry of EMT’s). Visit program website for program outcomes and additional information at: <http://www.ccsf.edu/paramedic>