

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Administration

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Program Overview

- The Reid Health EMS Training Institute Paramedic program has been issued a Letter of Review by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). This letter is NOT a CAAHEP accreditation status, it is a status signifying that a program seeking initial accreditation has demonstrated sufficient compliance with the accreditation standards through the Letter of Review Self-Study Report (LSSR) and other documentation. Letter of Review is recognized by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for eligibility to take the National Registry's Paramedic credentialing examination(s). However, it is NOT a guarantee of eventual accreditation.
- The Reid Health EMS Training Institute is a certified ALS training institute by the Indiana
 Department of Homeland Security EMS Commission.
- Classroom facilities are located at the IVY Tech Richmond Campus.
- Total course hours are 1,168.
- Maximum cohort size is 15 students.
- Student to instructor ratio for skill labs and simulations will be ~ 3:1.

Certification & Degree Options

- IVY Tech is providing the articulation agreement for the program.
- Upon completion of the paramedic program and obtaining paramedic licensure, IVY Tech Richmond Campus will award 48 credits, at no cost to the student, toward the completion of the Associate of Applied Sciences in Paramedic Science degree.
- Students are encouraged to pursue the AAS degree, however it is **not required** to complete the paramedic program.
- Courses required to obtain the AAS in Paramedic Science are A/P 101, A/P 102, English Composition 101, Math 123, Communications 101 or 102, and an elective from either Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing or Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing.
- Credits from other regionally accredited institutions may transfer, however a minimum of
 15 credits must be completed at IVY Tech to be awarded the degree.

Classroom Details

- Class is held on Mondays and Thursdays from 330pm to 930pm.
- The program is broken down into 9 modules grouped into 3 terms: Preparatory/Anatomy & Physiology/Pharmacology, Assessment & Airway Management/Cardiology/Medical Emergencies, and Trauma Emergencies/Special Patient Populations/Specialty Operations.
- Each module must be passed with a minimum score of 80%. Module and Term final exams must also be passed with a minimum score of 80%.
- Students will obtain the following advanced certifications within the course: Advanced
 Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Advanced Medical
 Life Support (AMLS), and Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS).
- Total classroom instruction hours are ~ 548.

Field Experience Details

- Clinical shifts outside of class account for more than half of the overall course hours with students participating in hospital and field-based experiences.
- Hospital experiences include Reid Health Emergency Department, Anesthesia, Intensive Care Unit, Cardiac Cath Lab, Psychiatric Unit, Labor/Delivery/Nursery, and Pediatric clinic.

- Field-based ambulance experiences include Richmond Fire Department, Reid Health EMS, and New Castle-Henry County EMS.
- Total clinical hours are ~ 620.

Program Prerequisites

- Must be 18 years of age at start of course
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must be currently certified as Indiana EMT or A-EMT
- Must be currently certified as American Heart Association BLS Provider
- Anatomy & Physiology is required. See below for options.

Anatomy & Physiology Options

- Option 1: Completion of APHY 101 & 102 (Anatomy & Physiology I & II), or equivalent,
 prior to program start date (PREFERRED)
- Option 2: Completion of HLHS 102 (Essential Anatomy & Physiology) prior to program start date
- Option 3: Completion of APHY 101 prior to program start date and APHY 102 concurrently with paramedic program Term 1
- Option 4: Completion of HLHS 102 concurrently with paramedic program Term 1
- Ivy Tech's fall 1st 8-week session begins August 25 and ends October 19. Please contact
 us with questions regarding Anatomy or Physiology requirements.

Program Admissions

Applicants are required to submit the paramedic program application, 2 letters of
recommendation, limited criminal history check from Wayne County Sherrif Department
and their county of residence Sherrif Department (if not Wayne County), a copy of their
driver's license or state issued ID, a copy of their Indiana EMT certification, a copy of their
AHA BLS Provider CPR certification, a copy of their high school or GED transcript, and a
copy of the transcript of their chosen Anatomy & Physiology option, if completed.

- Applicants will be tested for math and reading minimum competencies, basic EMT knowledge, and basic EMT skill competencies.
- Applicants are subject to a panel interview.
- Scores from all testing, transcripts, and interviews will be totaled and ranked to determine admissions offers.
- Applicants will be notified in writing with offers of admission.
- Offers of admission must be formally accepted in writing and accompanied by a \$500 nonrefundable deposit.
- After admission, students will be required to complete drug screening, full criminal background checks, TB testing, physical assessment, and submission of vaccination records.

Program Cost

- Total program cost is \$8000 and includes: drug screen, full criminal background check, TB testing, branded uniforms (shirts/outerwear), textbooks, online course access, online testing access, and online clinical tracking access.
- Applicants are responsible for any preadmission costs including, but not limited to, those associated with obtaining copies of transcripts, certifications, or local background checks.
- Students are responsible for any postadmission costs including, but not limited to, those
 associated with nonbranded uniforms (pants/belt/boots), required equipment
 (stethoscope/watch), physical assessments and vaccination records/updates.
- Students that successfully complete the course will be responsible for any costs associated with National Registry examinations.
- The payment schedule is as follows: \$500 deposit to accept admission, 3x \$2500 payments prior to the start of each term.

Program Timeline

- August 25, 2025: Ivy Tech 1st 8-week session begins (APHY 102 or HLHS 102)
- September 4, 2025: Paramedic Program begins
- August 2026: Paramedic Program concludes