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Paramedic Advising Guide

Application Deadline: August 1 & December 1 | Admission for Fall or Spring semester

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General Program Info

LCC's Paramedic program has been accredited since 1990 by:

[The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs \(CAAHEP\)](http://www.caahep.org/)

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The program offers a Full-Time (FT) and Part-Time (PT) track. This guide includes everything you need to know about the program and how to apply. For more information on this curriculum and career, visit the [program website](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/degrees/) (www.lcc.edu/academics/degrees/).

| Track | Application Deadline | Semester Track Starts | Program Duration Once Admitted | Program Format |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Full-Time | August 1 | Fall | 1 Year (<i>3 semesters</i>) | Face-to-Face |
| Part-Time | December 1 | Spring | 19 months (<i>5 semesters</i>) | Hybrid (<i>lectures all online</i>) |

Application Process

You must be an LCC student to be eligible for this program. Admission into the college does not guarantee entrance into the Paramedic Program. With limited seats available in each cohort, enrollment is on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Follow these steps to apply:

1. **APPLY TO LCC:** If you are not currently and have never been an LCC student, [apply to the college](http://www.lcc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/get-started/) (www.lcc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/get-started/).
2. **GET PLACEMENT LEVELS:** Before you can register for classes, all students need to establish their skill-levels in Reading, Writing, and Math (placement levels). Visit LCC's [Placement Testing site](http://www.lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/) (www.lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/) for more information
 - a. **Current LCC students** can find their placement levels by logging into their [MyLCC account](https://my.lcc.edu/) (https://my.lcc.edu/) and looking in the "Profile" tab.
 - b. **First-time college students** can get placement levels by taking Assessment tests in Reading, Writing and Math. Tests are free to complete. They can also get placement levels based off of their High School GPA, AP courses, or ACT / SAT scores. For more information, check out the [Assessment Waiver Form](https://lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/waive-testing.html) (https://lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/waive-testing.html).

*First-time college students will need to **attend a College orientation** before enrolling in classes. More information is on the [Getting Started website](http://www.lcc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/admissions/first-time.html) (www.lcc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/admissions/first-time.html).
 - c. **Transfer students** may be able to receive placement levels based on courses completed at another college. To do this, attach copies of your transcript(s) to the [Assessment Waiver Form](https://lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/waive-testing.html) (https://lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/waive-testing.html). Know that the waiver form does not grant transfer credit. Official transcripts must be sent directly to LCC's Registrars Office for transfer credit to be awarded.
3. **SUBMIT PARAMEDIC APPLICATION:** The most recent application can be found under the "Apply" tab on the [PARA Information Website](https://sites.google.com/mail.lcc.edu/paramedic-program/home) (https://sites.google.com/mail.lcc.edu/paramedic-program/home).
4. **ATTEND A PARAMEDIC APPLICANT STATUS MEETING:** After your application is received, Leah Bloomquist (bloomql1@star.lcc.edu) will contact you to setup a status meeting. Sessions are approximately 20-30 minutes long. Applicants should be prepared to discuss their status on the admission requirements, the reasons for their interest in the Paramedic field, as well as their commitment to successful completion of the program.
5. **ATTEND A MANDATORY EMS PROGRAM ORIENTATION:** Attendance at a mandatory EMS orientation is required prior to entering the PARA courses. This is a four-hour session that takes place on a morning or afternoon the week prior to classes beginning for the semester.

**Check out LCC's [Academic Calendars](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/calendars/) for important dates (www.lcc.edu/academics/calendars/).*

Admission Requirements

***Applicants must complete all of the following to be eligible for admission.** Only classes listed on your LCC record, which includes transfer credit, can be used to satisfy a course requirement. Completion of the requirements does not guarantee admission into a Selective Admission program

| ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS | SEE NOTE |
|---|-----------------|
| <p>Completion of BIOL 201 <u>AND</u> BIOL 202 <u>or</u> BIOL 145 with a minimum grade of 2.5 / *B</p> <p><i>*Must be completed within 8-years of the application deadline and by the end of LCC's Summer semester for the full-time program or the end of the Fall semester for the part-time track.</i></p> <p><i>BIOL 201 & 202 is recommended for transferability into other health care programs and colleges.</i></p> | 1 |
| <p>Must have the following minimum LCC Placement Levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Level 5 • Writing Level 6 • Math Level 4 | 2 |
| <p>Current State of Michigan EMT license</p> <p><i>*Proof of EMT licensure should be attached to Selective Admissions application (preferred) or emailed to selective_admissions@lcc.edu. Students who are completing an EMT program during the Summer semester may be contingently admitted to the Paramedic program providing they submit proof of NREMT EMT exam passage and EMT licensure no later than <u>November 1st</u>; failure to meet this deadline will result in program dismissal.</i></p> | |
| <p>Current CPR certification</p> <p><i>*CPR certification must be American Heart Association's "Basic Life Support" for healthcare professionals <u>or</u> American Red Cross's "CPR for the Professional Rescuer." Proof of CPR certification must be attached to Selective Admissions application (preferred) or emailed to selective_admissions@lcc.edu by the application deadline.</i></p> | |

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT NOTES:

- 1.** Your transfer school's grading system will be used to convert letter grades to numerical. Grading scales vary by school; a 2.5 is typically equivalent to a B.
- 2.** Visit LCC's [Placement Testing site](http://www.lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/) (www.lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/) for more information on Reading, Writing, and Math placement levels. Students can find their current placement levels by logging into their [MyLCC account](https://my.lcc.edu/) (https://my.lcc.edu/) and looking in the "Profile" tab.

Program Layout

Admitted applicants will be required to attend a mandatory program orientation that typically occurs mid-August for the Full-Time track and early January for the Part-Time track. Candidates are advised to plan accordingly.

This is a cohort program meaning a group of students travel through the program together. Schedules are set and courses must be taken in a sequential order. The Paramedic program offers a Full-Time and Part-Time track. The schedule varies by track.

FULL-TIME TRACK: This track starts every Fall semester and is 1 year (12 months) long. All coursework is in-person. During the Fall and Spring semesters, admitted students are on LCC's main campus for lectures and labs 3 days/week. Lectures and labs do not run in the evening or on the weekend. Clinical times and dates are arranged throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. The Summer semester comprises of a 12-week internship. Participants are encouraged to reduce their work hours as much as possible while in the program.

PART-TIME TRACK: This track starts every Spring semester and is 19 months long. Lecture content is online while all labs and clinical are in-person. The schedule for the part-time track will be as follows:

- **Spring semester 1** (*begins in January*): 3 online lecture courses Monday & Wednesday evenings.
- **Summer semester 1** (*begins in May*): lab/skills course on Monday & Wednesday evenings, as well as 3 8-hour Saturdays throughout the semester; clinicals arranged throughout semester.
- **Fall semester 1** (*begins in August*): 3 online lecture courses Monday & Wednesday evenings.
- **Spring semester 2** (*begins in January*): lab/skills course on Monday & Wednesday evenings, as well as 3 8-hour Saturdays throughout the semester; clinicals arranged throughout semester.
- **Summer semester 2** (*begins in May*): arranged internship comprised of 21 12-hour shifts to be completed at assigned EMS agency.

For both tracks clinical experiences occur at both hospital and EMS agency locations. Clinical sites are within a 100 mile radius of LCC's main campus. Students are responsible for their own transportation and any cost associated with it. A valid Michigan driver's license is required. Students may be placed at any clinical site, regardless of distance.

Upon successful completion of the Paramedic courses, LCC offers two options:

- Students can earn a **Paramedic Certificate of Achievement** (code 0272), which entails 37-credits including the admission requirements and 3 semesters of the Full-Time track or 5 semesters of the Part-Time track.
- Students can earn an **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Associate in Applied Science Degree** (0276), which entails 65-credits including the completion of the Basic EMT Certificate Program, the Paramedic Certificate Program, and core curriculum courses.

Upon completion of the certificate or degree students are eligible to take the professional certification exam offered by the National Registry of EMT's. Passing this allows graduates to apply for state licensure and practice as a paramedic upon issuance of license.

A complete program pathway, including course layout and course sequence, is available on the college's [Degree & Certificate site](https://lcc.edu/academics/catalog/degree-certificate-programs/) (<https://lcc.edu/academics/catalog/degree-certificate-programs/>).

Program Cost

The approximate cost in 2021-22 for a Paramedic student who receives in-district tuition rates is \$16,600; this includes the cost of prerequisite and in-program courses along with Paramedic supplies and textbooks. For a detailed cost sheet, including tuition rates for all residencies, visit the Paramedic section on HHS's [Advising Guides site](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html) (www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html).

| Additional Program Costs - Estimated (out-of-pocket expenses) | Cost |
|---|-------------|
| Paramedic Textbooks | \$150 |
| Uniform/Shoes/Misc. supplies | \$185 |
| Background check, Physical, Immunizations | \$200 |
| Clinical site requirements (<i>ACEMAPP</i>) | \$50 |

Be advised some in-program classes have a portion of the course fee that is non-refundable. Any student who registers for the class and then drops, withdraws, or is otherwise ineligible for the program will not be refunded the non-refundable portion. The non-refundable amount and the items included in course fees vary by class. More information will be provided at the program orientation that occurs after admission decisions are made.

Criminal Background Check

In order for this program to be in compliance with Michigan Public Act 26 of 2006, a **Criminal Background investigation is required for all students**. Directions for completing a Background Check, which may include fingerprinting and drug testing, will be given at the applicant status meeting. Please note digital fingerprinting may be required by the State of Michigan at the time of application for career licensure. To comply with State and Federal statutes, admission to this program will be denied for any of the following:

- Any felony conviction within 15 years + three years' probation prior to application.
- Any misdemeanor within ten years prior to application that involved or is similar to the following:
 - Abuse, neglect, assault, battery
 - Criminal sexual conduct
 - Fraud or theft against a vulnerable adult (as defined by the Michigan penal code)

The [Michigan Workforce Background Check Program](http://www.miltcpartnership.org/documents/legalguide.pdf)

(www.miltcpartnership.org/documents/legalguide.pdf) provides detailed information regarding the types of crimes and their implications to employment suitability in health care facilities and agencies.

Any student who has been charged with a felony or a misdemeanor crime after admission to the program must contact the Program Director within 72 hours of the charge. Students convicted of certain crime(s) may become ineligible for licensure, and therefore, may be dismissed from the Program.

Environmental Conditions-Standard Precautions

Applicants must be aware students in this program and profession will be exposed to blood, body tissues, and fluids. There is the potential of exposure to electrical hazards, hazardous waste materials, radiation, poisonous substances, chemicals, loud or unpleasant noises and high stress emergency situations. Students enrolled in this program and career path are at risk for exposure to blood and body fluids and transmission of blood-borne and other infectious diseases, including HIV. The Americans with Disabilities Act forbids discrimination against patients with infectious diseases; therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned, regardless of the disease-state of the patient. Standard precautions must be followed when treating each patient.

Immunization Certification:

Applicants admitted to the program shall be required to present evidence, in the form, of certification by a licensed healthcare provider, that he/she has been immunized against tuberculosis, measles, mumps/rubeola, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis B, Varicella, influenza, and poliomyelitis. Students may also be required to provide documentation of a physical from a licensed healthcare provider and a 10-Panel Drug screen from an approved provider. Requirements are subject to change as they are in accordance with professional standards and clinical-site requirements. Students are responsible for the cost associated with obtaining immunizations, physicals, BLS certification, and any other items relating to clinical eligibility. **More information about these items and how to submit them will be provided at the program orientation that occurs after admission decisions are made; do not submit these documents with your Selective Admission Application.** Contact the Program Director for details on clinical requirements.

Allergies:

Latex sensitivity and allergy has grown as a health care concern in recent years. Beginning one's professional life with a latex allergy presents unique problems because of the increased need to don gloves in both medical and non-medical settings, and unavoidable direct contact with products containing latex rubber (gloves, syringes, tubing, etc.), or by inhaling powder from latex gloves. Applicants with latex sensitivity and allergy are therefore encouraged to consult with their primary care physician to ensure their health and safety while participating in the program.

Insurance:

Be aware Lansing Community College does not provide accident and health insurance coverage for students. The College provides liability insurance coverage for students in practicum for injuries and damages they cause to others. It does not cover injuries students sustain as a result of their

own actions. Students must use personal funds or personal medical insurance as a primary medical coverage payment if accident or injury occurs or if emergency treatment is required.

Skills Essential for the Field

For a list of motor, cognitive, and psychological skills essential for this field, visit the Paramedic section on HHS's [Advising Guides site](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html) (www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html).

COVID-19

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, students are required to comply with all laws, rules, and regulations as well as any guidance provided by the CDC, the local health department, and other governmental authorities. Due to rapid developments related to COVID-19, students are encouraged to periodically visit the College's website for updated information about COVID-19 (www.lcc.edu/about/coronavirus/).

Non-Discrimination Statement

Lansing Community College is committed to providing equal employment opportunities and equal education for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, creed, ancestry, height, weight, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, familial status, marital status, military status, veteran's status, or other status as protected by law, or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position or that is unrelated to the person's ability to participate in educational programs, courses, services or activities offered by the college.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equal Opportunity Officer, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1730; Employee Coordinator 504/ADA, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1875; Student Coordinator 504/ADA, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1885; Sarah Velez, Human Resource Manager/Title IX Coordinator, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1874; Christine Thompson, Student Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1261.



For questions, contact the EMS Director:
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Check out all of the Health Career [Advising Guides](http://lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html) (lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html)