



## LPC Paramedic Training Program FAQs



### **What is a Paramedic?**

A Paramedic provides advanced life support care to patients who are ill and/or injured. Transports and transfers patients and assesses the extent of an illness or injury to establish and prioritize medical procedures to follow. Applies artificial respiration or administers oxygen in cases of suffocation and asphyxiation, dispenses antiseptic solution to prevent infection, starts and administers intravenous fluids, and performs other emergency medical procedures during the ambulance ride.

### **What are the Educational Requirements for Paramedic?**

Educational requirements include a minimum of a high school diploma, registration with the EMT National Registry, and licensed by State EMS Authority. Paramedics must be CPR certified and familiar with standard concepts, practices, and procedures within a particular field.

### **Is the Las Positas College Paramedic Program Accredited?**

The Las Positas College Paramedic Program received its Letter of Review from the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (COAEMSP) on December 13, 2012 which is valid until revoked by the CoAEMSP. The Las Positas College Paramedic program holds a Letter of Review, which is NOT a CAAHEP accreditation status, but is a status granted by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) 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. The Letter of Review is recognized by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for eligibility to take the NREMT's Paramedic credentialing examination(s). However, it is NOT a guarantee of eventual accreditation. The LPC PTP submitted the second stage of its accreditation application in the Fall of 2015 and is scheduled to receive a site visit from the COAEMSP in May of 2016 in an effort to achieve final accreditation. You can check to see if a paramedic program is accredited or holds a Letter of Review by visiting: <http://www.caahep.org/Find-An-Accredited-Program/>

To contact CoAEMSP:

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[www.coaemsp.org](http://www.coaemsp.org)

**How do I apply for the Paramedic program?**

Submit an application by the due date of July 15, 2016. The application may be found on the program website at: <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/EMT/ParamedicTrainingProgram.php>

**Who may I contact for additional information?**

If you have any questions, it is preferable that you email Mr. Wong at:

[sewong@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:sewong@laspositascollege.edu)

You may leave a message for Mr. Wong at 925-424-1107

**What is the applicant selection criteria?**

Prospective applicants must attend one of three offered orientation sessions in May of 2016, June of 2016, and July of 2016. At the orientation session, prospective applicants shall take a 100 question multiple choice examination based on final examination questions posed to emergency medical technician student graduates. The score attained will be used as a ranking factor in the selection process.

Applicants must also submit unofficial transcripts at the orientation session showing their GPA in EMS related courses, and their overall college GPA.

Applicants must also be 18 years of age at time of the first class date in August of 2016.

There will be finite number of points available and assigned to EMS coursework GPA and College GPA. Points will also be assigned to the score achieved on the 100 question multiple choice examination. Points will also be assigned to the students Registration Priority Group. Based on the points accrued, each applicant will be ranked and 30 offers of placement will be tendered to the 30 highest scoring applicants. The last five scores will be offered conditional placement if any member of the initial class of 25 students cannot meet the requirements of an admitted student such as failure to obtain immunizations, background clearance, or drug screening failure.

Admitted students will be given an add number.

The college will not require work experience nor hold interviews with any prospective applicant in order to maintain the selection process as merit based and objective in nature.

Las Positas College maintains an atmosphere that is welcoming to all students and conducive to their academic and personal success. The College provides an environment free of all forms of harassment, in which all students and employees are treated with dignity and respect. Las Positas College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, physical ability, religious belief, or age in any of its policies, procedures or practices.

In order to apply, complete the downloadable application and submit it to Las Positas College 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. Attention: Sebastian Wong by July 15, 2016.

**What is the job outlook for a Paramedic?**

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for emergency medical technicians and paramedics is expected to grow through 2018 and job prospects should be good, particularly in major cities and with private ambulance services and vast health care services. Schools and programs offering courses in this field are limited.

**How much does a Paramedic make?**

A Paramedic may make \$45,000.00 to \$100,000.00 annually depending on the employer.

**Along with the salary, does this field typically offer health benefits?**

Many private employers offer benefits such as 401(k) retirement plans and health insurance for full time employees. Overtime, vacation, and sick pay time may be offered. Public employers such as municipalities and fire departments that employ paramedics may also offer public safety defined benefits retirement programs and health insurance, overtime, sick and vacation pay.

**What are the specific classes offered throughout the Las Positas College training program?**

The specific classes offered throughout the training program are:

EMS 10	Paramedic Theory 1
EMS 11	Paramedic Theory 2
EMS 12	Paramedic Laboratory 1
EMS 13	Paramedic Laboratory 2
EMS 14	Paramedic Clinical Practicum
EMS 15	Paramedic Field Internship

**Is there an internship/externship required; if so will I have help finding one?**

Yes, a Field Internship consisting of a minimum of 480 hours is required. During the Field Internship, the Paramedic Student must complete a minimum of 40 Advanced Life Support Contacts. The Las Positas College Paramedic Training Program will provide assistance to the student with placement in a Field Internship. However, the student is responsible for the cost of the Paramedic Provider's charges to the Paramedic Student to compensate the Preceptor. These costs may range from no cost to \$3,000.00.

**Will I receive college credits or units upon completion of the training program?**

Yes, and you may apply those college credits towards the Associates Degree in EMS offered by the College

**Are there any prerequisites for the program?**

Yes, it is required that the student have an Anatomy and Physiology Class equivalent to Bio 50 and a Medical Terminology Class equivalent to EMS 52. Candidates must be 18 years of age and possess a valid EMT Certificate from the State of California or another State in the Union. Candidates who do not possess EMT Certification in the State of California will be disqualified from enrolling in the program. Students who do not have their coursework completed at Las Positas may submit a petition for course substitution to the Dean of Academic Services. The Petition for Course Substitution is available at the Las Positas College Counseling Office. Students who have not taken their pre-requisite course work at the College are encouraged to meet with a LPC College Counselor to discuss their educational plans.

**How much does this training program cost?**

Program Cost - \$3,682.00 to \$5,682.00 at \$46.00 per unit, Internship Cost - up to \$3,000.00 (depending on Paramedic Field Provider); Materials and Lab fee - \$888.00; Background/Criminal/Drug Screening \$97.

**How do I pay for the program?**

Fees must be paid through the college Admissions and Records office. You may be eligible for financial aid if you qualify. Please check with a Las Positas College Financial Aid Counselor.

**What if I am a Veteran?**

Veterans may be eligible for specific benefits and are encouraged to contact the Las Positas College Veteran's First coordinator at 925.424.1571. The Veteran's First Office is located at the Las Positas College campus, Room 1316. You may visit their website at:

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/VeteransBenefits.php>. Students that are receiving unemployment benefits or who are a OneStop client may be eligible for job training assistance. Please contact your case worker at EDD or the OneStop for individual training assistance.