Reid Health
EMS Training Institute

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Administration

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Program Overview

- The Reid Health EMS Training Institute Paramedic Program is seeking accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).
- Initially, we will operate in "Letter of Review" status, enabling us to hold our first class. Upon graduation of the first cohort, we will be eligible to apply for full accreditation status.
- 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 1,236.
- 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), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), and Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP).
- 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 112 hours at Reid Health Emergency Department; 16 hours each at a Level 1 Trauma Center Emergency Department, Reid ED Direct Physician Shadow, Reid Health Intensive Care Unit, Reid Health Pediatric Office, and Reid Health Psychiatric Care/Richmond State Hospital; 8 hours each at Wayne County 911 Dispatch, Reid Health Cath Lab, Reid Health Labor and Delivery, Specialty Ventilator Care, Specialty Burn Center, NICU, and PICU.
- Field-based ambulance experience includes 144 hours at Richmond Fire Department, 144 hours at a rural EMS provider, 24 hours at a Level 1 MICU, and 120 hours as the Team Lead at the conclusion of the course as a clinical capstone.
- Total clinical hours are 688.

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
- Must have completed A/P 1 prior to program start. A/P 2 may be taken concurrently with Paramedic Program Term 1.

Program Admissions

- Applications will be accepted April 1, 2024 – April 14, 2024
- 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 their A/P 1 and A/P 2 transcript (if completed).
- Applicants will be tested for math and reading minimum competencies, basic EMT knowledge, and basic EMT skill competencies.
- Applicants will complete a panel interview.

- Scores from all testing, transcripts, and interviews will be totaled and ranked to determine admissions offers.
- Applicants will be notified by May 1 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

- March 2024: Applications distributed
- April 1 – April 14: Applications accepted
- April 15 – April 30: Competency testing, panel interviews, cohort selection
- May 1: Cohort notified
- May 15: Admission acceptance deadline
- September 5, 2024: Course begins
- August 2025: Course concludes