

MXC PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
INFORMATION & FAQ's 2024-2025

Malcolm X College (MXC) offers an educational program for licensed Emergency Medical Technicians looking to expand their career as a Paramedic.

This program is administrated through a collaborative effort by Malcolm X College, Chicago Fire Department and the Region XI EMS system Resource Hospitals. The paramedic program is approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety. This program is accredited by CoAEMSP, Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Profession. Upon successful completion of this program, the student is eligible to take the NREMT paramedic certification examination offered by the National Registry of EMT certification (nremt.org) which allows the student to obtain the Illinois Department of Public Health state Paramedic License.

In addition to the Paramedic Core Curriculum, which culminates in an Advanced Certificate, Malcolm X College is one of the few colleges in Illinois to offer an Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in this professional specialty. Completion of the Associate in Applied Science Degree can broaden the student's marketability, as well as provide a strong basis for continued professional learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The selective enrollment application opens at the start of the spring semester. Courses run for three consecutive semesters starting each Fall Semester.

To be considered for admission the applicant must:

- Be a high school graduate or GED Certificate holder
- Be currently licensed by the State of Illinois as an EMT-B (*Note – students enrolled in a current Spring Semester EMT class who have not completed NREMT exam are not eligible unless currently enrolled in MXC EMT class with a minimum grade of 'B'.*)
- Demonstration of the ability to successfully complete a 4-credit hour w/lab college level Biology / Chemistry course with a "C" or better. CCC courses that demonstrate this proficiency include courses BIO 121 / BIO 116 / BIO 226 / BIO 227.
- Have a current CPR healthcare provider card
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Submit the selective enrollment application online by the deadline. Include all required documentation along with transcripts. You will then be emailed a packet to complete and submit to the Paramedic Program Director at Malcolm X College
- Ambulance experience as an EMT-B (approximately 500 hours) by start of program is ***strongly recommended.***
- Achieve acceptable scores on admissions examinations.

The Paramedic Program is a selective enrollment program; selections are made by interview process.

Applicant Interviews: Interviews with Chicago EMS Region XI Admissions Committee will be offered to those applicants who have met or exceeded the Malcolm X College Paramedic Program admission requirements, completed all required admission paperwork, and have passed the entrance exam. Admission packet paperwork must be submitted to the portal no later than the posted due date.

Selection factors: Selection of candidates for this program is highly competitive. Selection will be based on: Completion of **all** application, documentation; paperwork; interview results; Academic history/GPA; entrance exam results; EMS work experience; references; and communication skills.

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Paramedic Program Cost for Core Courses/Advanced Certificate

FALL	EMT 221 (9 credits) & EMT 222 (5.5 credits)	
	CCC tuition rate for 14.5 credit hours*	\$2218.00
	Book cost (cost is approximate)	360.00
	Platinum Ed – clinical tracking system	85.00
	EMS Testing through Platinum Group	98.00
	Castle Branch – Documentation Management & Background check (cost is approximate)	112.00
	Physical exam & blood work (cost is approximate)	130.00
	Uniform - pants / polo shirt / patches (cost is approximate)	170.00
	Approximate fall semester cost	\$2,963.00
SPRING	EMT 223 (9 credits) & EMT 224 (7 credits)	
	CCC tuition rate for 16 credit hours* (no anticipated fees for second semester)	\$2448.00
	Specialty credentialing – ACLS / ITLS / PEPP (cost is approximate)	170.00
	Approximate spring semester cost	\$2618.00
SUMMER	EMT 227 (6 credits) Internship	
	CCC tuition rate for 6 credit hours*	\$918.00
	Approximate summer semester cost	\$918.00
Total estimated cost for the AC three semester program		\$6499.00

Due to the possibility of a change in the amount of credit hours, the cost of the program may change. This will be updated on the MXC Paramedic Program website.

**<http://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Tuition-and-Fees.aspx> – note tuition structure from the City Colleges of Chicago home website.*

Cost for post-course licensing & exams		
STATE	IDPH license fee	\$60
NATIONAL	NREMT exam registration fee (written)	\$175.00

IMPORTANT: All students are required to carry their own health insurance for the entire duration of the Paramedic Program. The above does not include student health insurance cost.

Paramedic Core Curriculum

The Paramedic Program runs three consecutive semesters starting in the fall of each year. Successful completion of the Paramedic Core Curriculum provides an Advanced Certificate in Paramedic level of training, and eligibility to take the licensing examination offered by the Illinois Department of Public Health or the National Registry.

Fall Semester:

EMT 221	Essentials of Paramedic Medicine I	9 Credit Hours
EMT 222	Paramedic Medicine Practicum I	5.5 Credit Hours

Spring Semester:

EMT 223	Essentials of Paramedic Medicine II	9 Credit Hours
EMT 224	Paramedic Medicine Practicum II	7 Credit Hours

Summer Semester:

EMT 227	Paramedic Field Internship	6 Credit Hours
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Total Credit Hours in Major (Core): 36.5 Credit Hours

Credit hours are subject to change prior to the start of the next program. This information will be updated on the MXC Paramedic Program website.

Note: The program does not offer advanced placement or transfer of credits from another college for the core curriculum.

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Requirements for the Associate in Applied Science Degree – Paramedic Degree includes a minimum of 60.5 credit hours with at least 36.5 credit hours concentrated in the major (Core) curriculum.

General Education Courses:

Course		Credit Hours
English	101	3 Credit Hours
Biology	120	3 Credit Hours
Sociology	201	3 Credit Hours
Psychology	201	3 Credit Hours
Speech 101	Elective	3 Credit Hours
Social/Behavioral Science	Elective	3 Credit Hours
Humanities/Fine Arts	Elective	3 Credit Hours
Physical/Life Sciences	Elective	3 Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours in General Education:		24 Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for AAS:		60.5 Credit Hours

Current academic requirements can be found at: <https://catalog.ccc.edu/academic-program-requirements/emt-ii-paramedic-aas/#programrequirements>

Frequently Asked Questions:

How many candidates typically apply for the MXC program?

There are typically two to three applicants for each class “seat”.

I know qualified candidates need to be interviewed, who are the interviewers and how do they make selections?

The interviews are conducted by the Region XI program admissions committee which is made up of representatives of: Malcolm X College; Chicago Resource Hospitals; Chicago Fire Department; and a Field Paramedic. The committee will ask questions of the candidate that address, and may not be limited to: qualities such as motivation, maturity, academic capabilities, community commitment; and provide a BLS patient scenario for the applicant to manage. The admission committee will look at all components of the application, including academic history, recommendations, personal statement, test scores, work history and community participation.

Is there any advantage to taking the EMT class at Malcolm X College?

*There is some advantage, in that students who are already enrolled at Malcolm X College have their academic history readily available to the committee and do not need to make application to the college, but still need to complete the selective enrollment application. Students from MXC, **only**, are allowed to sit for an interview with a state license “pending” (enrolled in the current Spring EMT class).*

How much ambulance experience do I need?

*The committee strongly recommends working experience as an EMT-Basic by the start of the program (fall semester). Typically, 500 hours of field experience is preferred. Documented ambulance experience is **not** required at the time of interview, however given the competitive application process, field experience as an EMT will provide an advantage for the candidate.*

Are there any science prerequisites?

Because the paramedic curriculum is heavily based in science, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to successfully complete a college level science course in Biology or Chemistry. The science courses must be at the college level and be at least 4 credit hours with a lab. Courses offered at CCC which meet this requirement include BIO 116, BIO 121 BIO 226 or 227. If course was taken at another college it is advisable that a copy of the course description be reviewed by an advisor and the program director to assure it demonstrates this competency. (Note information regarding submitting other university transcripts).

The science course MUST be completed by the end of the Spring semester.

What is acceptable score on the entrance exams?

The applicant must achieve an acceptable score on the EMT entrance test (multiple choice) to be eligible for interview. Cut-off scores are determined by Admissions committee, dependent on the candidate pool; traditionally a minimum score of 75% has been considered acceptable. First time applicants to the college must take placement exams in reading and math. Taking English 101 is highly encouraged. The EMS Department typically offers an EMT-B Refresher Course (not mandatory) prior to Paramedic Program Entrance Testing.

Are there any other characteristics or qualities that can make my application more competitive?

As a community college, we look for candidates that appreciate the college mission and demonstrate service to the community. As a health career program, we seek candidates with career goals of service as a paramedic.

When are applications available and when are they supposed to be completed?

Online applications are typically available early in January after the start of the Spring Semester and close around the end of March. The completed documentation packet is typically due in April. Specific deadlines are clearly stated on the application portal and on the application flyer. Once the application and initial supporting documentation are submitted online, a document packet will be emailed to you. Complete the requested information and uploaded into the selective enrollment portal. All required documentation requested in the packet must be submitted/uploaded into the portal by the due date.

How do I submit my transcripts?

Contact the school or school's you attended, you will need to submit both your high school and any college transcripts and must have them sent directly to the college. Email is preferred as it is faster than the mail. Send transcripts to: mxregistrar@ccc.edu . If you have any problems with your transcripts you can meet with registration via Zoom at: <https://cccedu.zoom.us/j/7842026631>

I was enrolled previously at another institution where I took Paramedic courses. Will I be able to get credit or advanced placement for those classes?

The program does not offer advanced placement for previous certification courses or paramedic classes from another institution.

Can I complete my AAS after I get my Advanced Certificate and are licensed as a paramedic?

*Yes, but you must declare an academic path, AAS or AC, when you enroll in the program. It is encouraged that you declare the AAS and you can complete your AAS once you are done with the AC (core curriculum). You can complete the AAS at your own pace. You **do not** have to go through the selective enrollment process a second time. Once you have completed all the AAS program requirements you will have to fill out an "Academic Intent Form". The completed form should be returned to the Advisor or Registrar who sent it to you. The "Academic Intent" form can be requested from Advising or the Registrar Office and once it has been submitted you will be conferred for the Associates in Applied Science (AAS).*

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