



Paramedicine Program Application Information

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Paramedicine Program at Northwest College

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Paramedicine Program at Northwest College. The following information is intended to facilitate your application process. There is one entry point into the program: application in the Fall for the Summer start date. If you are a transfer student or student wishing to re-enter the Paramedicine program, please see the EMS Student Handbook for entrance criteria on our website and contact the EMS Program Coordinator, <u>steven.haggard@nwc.edu</u>.

Students beginning at the entry point of the program are admitted each fall term for the Powell program, and each spring term for the Cody program through the application process outlined in this packet and consistent with the EMS Student Handbook. Application packets are available online at https://www.nwc.edu/sites/nursing/ems-programs/Paramedic.html or in the EMS Program office. This packet contains Admission Criteria related to applying for admission to the Paramedicine Program. *Please read the* packet in its entirety.

You must apply to Northwest College and be accepted by the college before you can apply to and be accepted into the Paramedicine Program. You will receive a communication from the admissions department stating if you have been accepted by the college. This communication is **not** an indication that you have been accepted into the Paramedicine Program. You will receive a separate letter in this regard signed by the EMS Program Coordinator regarding the status of your admission to the program.

A satisfactorily completed application packet contains **all** the required items as stated below. All materials must be submitted online by 11:59pm on January 31st. Applications are reviewed by the coordinator and faculty of the Paramedicine Program after the submission deadline. Applications that are incomplete or submitted past the application deadline will not be considered.

The NWC Cody Paramedic Program is a hybrid program that consists of online coursework, face-to-face labs, and clinical experiences. Students applying to the Paramedic Program must meet with the EMS Program Coordinator prior to application to assess readiness of online learning.

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Platinum Paramedic Entrance Exam:

Students must provide PEE test results that reflect an adjusted individual total score that is <u>at or above the</u> <u>program mean (80)</u>. Students may retake the Paramedic Entrance Exam a total of two times per application. If the minimum score is not achieved after two attempts or if the test scores are after the deadline, the PEE test criteria for application will be considered unmet. Scores used for entrance must be dated within one year of the application deadline.

Math Placement Test:

Students must schedule math placement exam with the admissions office. This exam score will allow placement of students in the proper level math course if AAS seeking. This score *WILL NOT* be used for seat selection.

Essay:

A 500-word minimum essay will be written to demonstrate what your professional goals are. You should also describe your experience and how that prepares you to succeed in the Paramedicine program.

Letter of Reference:

One letter of reference from a non-family member is required for entry into the program. This letter should describe what makes you a good candidate for entry into the Paramedicine program as well as qualities that will make you a good Paramedic.

Panel Interview:

All applicants will be required to attend a panel interview with selected members of the NWC EMS Education faculty and members of the NWC EMS Education Advisory Board.

Admission to NWC:

If an applicant has not attended Northwest College, they first need to apply to Northwest College and be accepted. If a student is a previous student, but not currently taking courses, it will be necessary to contact the NWC Admissions office to re-activate their student status. Students currently enrolled at Northwest College will not need to do anything for this criterion.

STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS

We select students based on the following criteria:

- 1) Students have completed the Paramedic Entrance Exam and meet minimum score of 80%.
- 2) Students must complete math placement test.
- 3) Students have completed online letter of intent and application checklist with required documentation
- 4) Students have completed the essay
- 5) Students have submitted a letter of reference
- 6) Students have been accepted into NWC and/or have become re-activated as a NWC student
- 7) All required materials as stated above have been submitted online by the deadline for application.
- 8) Students must have completed the Panel Interview with a satisfactory score.

9) Preference is given to students who have healthcare experience, especially those who have worked in the pre-hospital environment previously.

10) Students must have and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better.

Steps in the process of application and entry into the program:

- 1) Submit application materials by 11:59pm on January 31st.
- 2) Faculty and Advisory Board review applications
- 3) All qualified candidates will be invited to complete a panel interview
- 4) All applications that meet all application criteria are ranked according to test & interview scores

Rules of the Test:

- Textbooks, notes, and all other reference or support materials, as well as calculators and all other personal electronic devices are prohibited during the test.
- No backpacks, briefcases, purses, cell phones or food are allowed in the testing room. Water bottles are allowed and must be kept on the floor. You are not allowed to make phone calls at any time.
- You will not be allowed to communicate with other students during the test. If you have a question or a problem, raise your hand to alert the proctor.
- You will not be allowed to leave the testing room during the test, except for a brief restroom break, if necessary.
- No heavy perfumes, lotions or body odor will be tolerated.
- If the proctor notes any activities that conflict with testing integrity or the rules stated above, they can stop your test immediately and that test will not be accepted. A meeting with the EMS Program Coordinator will be held to determine if the student will be allowed to take the test again.

*You must provide your own transportation between the clinical facilities including, but not limited to: Powell, Worland, Lovell, Basin, Cody, Evanston, and Thermopolis. In addition, you will have to plan for housing and food during some clinical experiences occurring outside the local area.