



Lewiston Fire Department

Lewis-Clark State College – Workforce Training

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Paramedic Program Application Information & Instructions

Paramedic Program Dates: 09/09/21 – 12/08/22

Minimum Admission Criteria

Prerequisites

- Current BLS CPR
- Current EMT License
- Active EMT practice or equivalent for 1 year
- Anatomy and Physiology Course with grade of 'C' or higher
- Background Check – information to be provided to student at later date

Anatomy & Physiology

Course description and syllabus for anatomy and physiology must be submitted with the application to determine acceptance. Waived if A & P taken at LCSC.

Resume

Copy of professional resume. Emphasize health care/EMS training, work and volunteer experience.

References

Two professional references submitted by application deadline (must use forms included with application).

Performance Standards

Must meet Performance Standards for Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program students. See attached.

Letter of Intent

Submit Letter of Intent which includes: (1) Reason(s) for wanting to become a paramedic; (2) Expectations of the paramedic program; (3) Discussion of own personal strengths and weaknesses; (4) Career plans after becoming a paramedic and; (5) How you intend meet the high demands of the program.

Interview

Any applicant with a completed and approved application submitted by the application deadline, will proceed on to an admissions interview. The applicant will be contacted by the program coordinator to schedule.

Previously admitted students who have left the program must follow the Re-Entry Policy found in the Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program Student Handbook.

Admission to the Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program is competitive. These are the minimum standards for inclusion in the application process. Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission to the program. Contact Lewis-Clark State College Workforce Training (LCSC WFT) if you have questions regarding the admission process.

Application Process

Application Deadline: August 6, 2021 at 5 p.m.

The following items must be submitted by the application deadline:

- Completed application form
- Resume
- A&P course syllabus and official transcript (if other than LCSC) *
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (other than LCSC) **
- References (mailed, faxed, or emailed - see below)
- Letter of Intent
- Copy of valid BLS CPR certification
- Copy of current driver's license

Background check instructions will be given following preliminary acceptance into the program and prior to the first day of class. ***

Application is considered complete when the above items have been received by the Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program. Incomplete applications or applications received outside the application window may not be considered for admission. You will be notified by email if your admission application is incomplete. Final admittance to the program is dependent upon passing the background check.

*If you are currently enrolled in an A&P course at the time of application, indicate this on application form.

**Transcripts should be mailed directly from the college attended and do not need to accompany the application. Indicate on the application if you have requested transcripts to be mailed to LCSC WFT.

***If background check results are late or found to contain information that is questionable, you may be administratively withdrawn from the program.

Please send application and supporting documentation to:

Lewis-Clark State College
Workforce Training
Attn: Kathy Moscrip
1920 3rd Ave. North
Lewiston, ID 83501

(208) 792-2388

ksmoscrip@lcsc.edu

Notification of Admission Status

Applicants will be notified in writing of their admission to the Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program on August 24, 2021.

Immunizations & CPR

Following admission to the program, students must provide immunization and proof of current CPR certification (photocopies only) to LCSC WFT. Immunizations include:

- Tdap: Required once after age 11
- TB: Current negative 2-step test. Will accept proof of negative 1-step if done for employment purposes within previous 12 months. Must stay current during full course of study.
- MMR: 2 vaccinations OR immunity by titer for each (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Varicella: 2 vaccinations OR immunity by titer
- Hepatitis B: 3 shot series (started before classes begins) with immunity confirmed by titer, OR 2 shot series of Heplisav with immunity confirmed by titer, OR immunity by titer.
- Influenza: Proof of annual vaccination during influenza season (October 1 - March 31) OR signed waiver (may be denied clinical/field admission by site if waived).

Appointments can be made with your personal care provider, health district, pharmacy, or LCSC Student Health for immunizations or titer levels.

CPR certification (BLS) must be current and remain updated throughout the program. Provide photocopy of certification card to LCSC WFT. CPR is available through LCSC WFT, if needed.

Financial Information

Course Cost: \$13,000

Estimated Additional Costs: \$600 (will vary per student)

Registration Fee Includes:

- Book bundle
- Tablet
- Uniform shirts (2)
- Sweatshirt (1)
- Name badge
- Safety glasses
- Background checks (2)
- ACLS
- Urine drug screen
- Psychomotor exam (1)
- Campus Parking Pass


Students are responsible for:

- Immunizations, as needed
- Stethoscope with both diaphragm and bell. (Recommended: Littman Classic III. Minimum Quality: Littman Lightweight SE II.)
- Uniform pants & boots
- Transportation to clinical & field sites
- Any additional psychomotor exam fees after first attempt
- Medical insurance
- Cognitive exam fees

Other Information for Applicants

- 1) Once your application has been received and reviewed, students must obtain and submit a criminal background check. Information on the process for the background check will be provided to you. Students must obtain, submit, and pass a background check annually while enrolled in the Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program.
- 2) Students must provide proof of high school diploma or equivalent.
- 3) Students must provide proof of valid driver's license.
- 4) Students must provide proof of current EMT licensure.
- 5) Students are responsible for their own vehicle insurance, transportation to and from clinical and field sites and health insurance.
- 6) Experiences are conducted at variable times, both locally and in outlying areas.

Funding Sources

BANK NAME/ ORGANIZATION	PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS	REQUIREMENTS	OTHER INFORMATION
Sallie Mae Student Loan	Yes. There are student loans through Sallie Mae specific to career training programs.		See Website for more info: https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/smart-option-student-loan/
Personal Bank Student Loan	Yes	Must meet qualifications.	Personal student loans are available from most private lending institutions, including banks and credit unions. However, interest rates may be higher and the loan amount is dependent on individual credit history.
Veteran's Educational Benefits	Yes	Military service background with GI Bill educational benefits	Call Veteran's Services office on LCSC campus at (208) 792-2473 for availability.



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Prospective Student Reference Form

Applicant: _____

Applicant Instructions:

This form is to be given to the person recommending you. The reference should be from someone who is well acquainted with your health-related work/volunteer experience or academic preparation and who is able to judge your qualifications for success in EMT Paramedic. References from family members or those known in a social capacity, including pastors, coaches, and friends will not be accepted.

Under the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are entitled to review their record, including letters of recommendation; however, those writing recommendations and those assessing recommendations may attach more significance to them if it is known that the recommendations will remain confidential. It is your option to waive your right to review these records or to decline to do so. Please mark the appropriate statement below indicating your choice of option and sign your name. Please check only one option.

____ I elect to keep this recommendation confidential. I waive all rights of access to this recommendation, whether visual, oral, or written, as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments. I understand that this recommendation will not be available for my inspection now or in the future, nor will it be part of my official WFT student file.

OR

____ I elect to keep the recommendation non-confidential. This recommendation may be shown at my request and it will become part of my official WFT student file.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Reference Instructions:

The above student is applying to the Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program and has selected you as a reference. Please complete the attached form to evaluate this applicant. DO NOT complete this form if the above named candidate has failed to designate a confidentiality option or has failed to sign the confidentiality option form. Your prompt response is appreciated. All student application information must be received prior to August 6, 2021.

Both pages of the completed reference form must be mailed or faxed directly by the reference to LCSC Workforce Training. Please email to kmoscrip@lcsc.edu or fax to Kathy Moscrip 208-792-2680.

Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program Reference Form

Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name:	Title and Organization:
Address:	Phone & email:
Briefly describe the capacity in which you have known the applicant, including applicant's job title and hours worked in your agency, if applicable.	

PART I: Read each sentence and rate the applicant. Circle the word(s) (strongly agree to not observed) which best describes your response to each statement.

1. **The applicant is productive, resourceful, persevering and creative.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

2. **The applicant is perceptive, logical, observant, and inquiring.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

3. **The applicant is responsible and accountable.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

4. **The applicant is collaborative and cooperative.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

5. **The applicant communicates effectively.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

6. **The applicant manages time effectively and is able to set priorities.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

7. **The applicant is innovative and open to new ideas.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

8. **The applicant demonstrates integrity.**
 Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Observed

9. **My overall impression of this candidate is:**
 Excellent Very Good Average Below Average Poor Unknown

PART II: Please briefly comment on (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

1. The applicant's capacity to analyze a problem and arrive at a workable solution.

2. Any strength(s) which will contribute to the applicant's successful completion of the program.

3. Factors which could negatively affect the applicant's successful completion of the program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Performance Standards*

The student must be capable of meeting the performance standards of the Lewis-Clark State College Paramedic Program. Reasonable accommodation can be made for disabilities; however, students are expected to perform in a reasonably independent manner.

Category Description and Standard	Examples
<p>Critical thinking ability sufficient to exercise sound EMS judgment.</p> <p>Reasoning skills sufficient to perform deductive/inductive thinking for EMS decisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify cause/effect relationships and make appropriate judgments in clinical situations.
<p>Communication abilities sufficient for effective interaction in verbal and written form.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to obtain information, explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, describe patient situations, perceive nonverbal communication.
<p>Gross and fine motor function sufficient to provide safe and effective care.</p>	<p>Gross Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gross motor skills sufficient to provide the full range of safe and effective health care activities (move within confined spaces, reach above head, etc.) <p>Fine Motor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine motor skills sufficient to perform manual psychomotor skills (pick up items with fingers) and sustain repetitive movements (CPR). <p>Physical Strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical stamina sufficient to perform client care activities for entire length of work shift (push, pull, support and lift 125 pounds of weight, position ambulate and transfer clients, defend self against combative clients, etc.)
<p>Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess needs of clients.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to hear monitor alarm and emergency signals, able to listen and hear breath sounds, able to hear normal speaking level sounds.
<p>Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to observe patients, visualize appearance of a surgical wound, depth perception, peripheral vision, distinguish color and color intensity.
<p>Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to perform palpation of a pulse, perceive temperature or functions of a physical exam.
<p>Emotional health sufficient to totally utilize her or his intellectual abilities. Able to function effectively during stressful situations.</p>	<p>Interpersonal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups, respecting social, cultural, and spiritual diversity. Negotiate interpersonal conflict. Establish rapport with clients and with co-workers. Able to adapt to ever-changing environments, displaying flexibility, learning to function in the case of uncertainty that is inherent in

*Adapted from LCSC Division of Nursing and Health Sciences.