The paramedic academy prepares students to take the national paramedic exam. A passing score qualifies students to apply for a paramedic license through the State of Alaska.

The paramedic academy offers the highest level of education available to prepare for work in the pre-hospital environment. The most common entry-level positions for paramedics are in an ambulance within an emergency response system or in a nonemergency transport service. Paramedics also work in doctors’ offices, urgent care clinics, hospital emergency rooms, intensive care units, laboratories, aeromedical transport services and safety departments in corporate and industrial settings.

UAF’s paramedic academy offers an intensive three-semester course of full-time study. Students may apply their paramedic course credits to more advanced degrees, including the A.A.S. in emergency services.

The paramedic academy meets or exceeds the national standards curriculum for the EMT-paramedic. During the first two semesters, the student will complete 500 hours of classroom education and 232 hours of clinical experience. The clinical component includes rotations in a hospital setting, including placements in respiratory therapy and in the emergency room and intensive care unit. In the third semester, the student will complete a field internship outside Alaska with an ambulance company supervised by paramedic field preceptors. During the internship, the student is responsible for all costs of housing, travel and living expenses in addition to tuition and fees.

The paramedic student should be emotionally stable and have good dexterity, agility and physical coordination. Paramedics must also have the strength to lift and carry heavy loads.

Special admission, licensing or certification requirements may apply to students in this program. Applicants should familiarize themselves with these and speak to a faculty advisor if they have questions or concerns.

Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old by the first day of the semester in which you are admitted;
- Complete BIOL classes to match paramedic A.A.S.

Application packets for the paramedic academy may be obtained from the Community and Technical College at 907-455-2853 or jmpepperling@alaska.edu. Applications will be reviewed by the program director and medical director. In keeping with certification requirements, class size is limited to 20 students. Applicants must have a current EMT basic certification (or have completed EMS F170), and have completed HLTH F114.

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