



## EMS Education

# PARAMEDIC CLASS INFORMATION MEETING

### FAQ's

**1. Is the Mitchell Community College EMS Program a CoAEMSP Accredited Institution?**

*No, not at this time. However, the Paramedic class beginning in the Spring of 2021 will be our accrediting class which means that this class will be 'grand fathered' in.*

**2. If Mitchell Community College is not accredited, what does that mean for my certification as a Paramedic?**

*If you complete the course with a passing grade you will be able to test only for a North Carolina certification. Should you desire to go to another state you would have to apply for reciprocity which most states will grant.*

**3. What is the difference in 'Field Internship' and 'Clinicals'?**

*Your 'Field Internship' is your ride time and practical on an ambulance under a Paramedic preceptor. It will last 240 hours with the last 120 hours after the didactic and lab portion of the class is completed. The 'Clinical' will be performed in the hospital with 48 of 100 hours being in the ED. The remaining hours will be spread out to other departments.*

**4. Why does the course end in September when the didactic and lab portion ends in June?**

*Because the National Standard Curriculum dictates that 51% of a student's 'Field Internship' be performed after the didactic/lab portion of the course is completed.*

**5. Do we have to buy the books through Jones and Bartlett?**

*No. We will obtain a package code which lowers the price of the books by bundling them. You may purchase a used textbook but the workbook will need to be un-used. Currently the package we have thus far for the text and workbook is \$308.00 which is a savings of \$255.90.*

**6. What does Castle Branch provide for?**

*We are using this to input your immunization records, perform your background check, and handle your drug which will be utilized by Iredell Memorial Hospital to meet their security needs.*

**7. Why is the registration fee \$360.00...not \$180.00?**

*This course runs two semesters so we have to register for both. If you are with a sponsoring agency you will need a Fee Authorization form for each of the two (2) semesters.*

**8. Does EMS 3000 meet the requirement of Anatomy and Physiology for getting into the degree program?**

*No. For Mitchell Community College, you would have to have BIO 168 and 169 or BIO 163. We strongly recommend the two (2) semester Anatomy and Physiology as this is transferrable to other medical programs such as nursing school, PA school, or medical school.*

**9. Is EMS 3000 still accepted for entry into a Paramedic class?**

*Yes, as long as the class was taken prior to January 2021. It will no longer be valid after January 2022.*

**10. What modifications does NCOEMS allow for for a learning disabled student?**

*NCOEMS allows for three modifications for documented learning disabilities...Enlarged font up to 36 font, a 'quieter' setting, and extended time (time plus half. Ex. if you were being allowed 1 hour to take a test and had an extended time modification, you would be granted 1 hour + half...or 30 minutes for a total of one and a half hours.)*

**11. What if I miss more than 10% of the course due to illness or other issues?**

*If you miss greater than 10% of the course (equivalent to 100 hours) you will be dropped from the course with a 'withdrew passing' or 'withdrew failing' noted on CIS. The 10% rule is a community college rule. There are no 'excused' absences.*

**12. Will this course count towards my Associate of Applied Science degree?**

*Yes. Once you hold a valid, in-date, un-encumbered Paramedic credential, we will give you 45 credit hours towards your A.A.S. degree. To obtain your degree you must have a minimum of 18 credit hours at Mitchell Community College. The A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Science is worth 65/69 credit hours depending upon your pathway.*

**13. Can I take Anatomy and Physiology concurrent with the Paramedic course?**

*No. Anatomy and Physiology needs to be completed prior to the beginning of the paramedic course.*

**14. Where will I perform my 'Clinical' education?**

*Currently, our plan is to perform our 'Clinical' education at Iredell Memorial Hospital.*

**15. Where will I perform my 'Field Internship'?**

*You will be placed in two different counties your field internship, though for your final 'capstone' field internship period (final 168 hours) you will remain at one agency. We feel that exposure to the differences in how systems operate is a valid and measurable learning experience. Currently we have agreements with Iredell County EMS, Catawba County EMS, and Rowan County EMS.*

**16. If I finish all of my 'Clinical' and 'Field Internship' hours, am I done?**

*Not necessarily. The Clinical Coordinator will ensure that you also have all of the required skills as well as patient lead attends as required by CoAEMSP. Prior to sending you to your state exam, you will also be required to complete a final exam review test and will have your final TSOP with the Medical Advisor.*

**17. If I finish all of my didactic, lab, clinical, and field internship hours, do I have to wait on the entire class to finish or can I take my terminal TSOP and then be cleared to take my state exam?**

*Once you are completed and you have taken and passed your final TSOP, then you will be cleared on Continuum to take your state exam.*