

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM APPLICANT PREPARATION GUIDE

This guide has been assembled to allow applicants an insight into what can be expected during the entrance selection process. We appreciate your interest in wanting to further develop your level of service to the communities where we live, work and play.

Attending a paramedic education program is a major decision and should be discussed with spouses, significant others, and family members to build support and understanding. Each applicant should contemplate about the level of commitment that will be required to be successful. We encourage applicants to talk with others that have gone through the process. We understand the sacrifice involved to those applicants and their families who are accepted into this paramedic program. Let us reassure you, these sacrifices are worth the overwhelming benefits to you, your families, and your professional development.

There are three specific areas of evaluation:

- Assessment Exams (completed before interview date)
- Oral Panel Interview
- Prerequisite Course Grades

Assessment Exams

The assessment examinations are completed online through Platinum Education/PlatinumPlanner.

You will be required to pay \$5 for assessment exams before being admitted into the course. The \$5 fee will NOT be applied toward your Full Access fee. Access and instructions will be provided during the time of application submissions.

The assessment exams include the following areas, and each candidate will have only one attempt to successfully complete the written exam:

- Math Assessment
- Learning style Assessment
- Paramedic EMT Entry Assessment
- Professional Characteristics
- Reading Level
- Student Motivation
- Test Anxiety

Written exam score will be averaged into the total points available in the oral panel interview process. Applicants will be averaged and ranked according to lowest to highest cumulative score.

For the written entrance examination, applicants should study available EMT-Basic textbooks derived from the most current version and the American Heart Association AHA: BLS for Healthcare Providers (2020 Guidelines)

Examination Review Suggestions:

- Complete the objectives at the beginning of all EMT-Basic text chapters and chapter review questions
- Review current AHA: BLS for Healthcare Providers (2020 Guidelines)

Examples of Interview Oral Interview Questions

- Education and Work History:
- Personal Effectiveness:
- Capability:
- Compatibility/Teamwork:
- Motivation/Initiative:
- Dedication/Determination:
- Leadership:
- Conclusion of Interview:
 - Do you have anything you would like to add on your behalf or any questions you would like to ask before we conclude the interview?

Scenario Based Questions

When answering these types of questions, you will be expected to answer them at an EMT level. However, you should have the ability to articulate your answers based upon clear, concise critical thinking ability and project at a higher level of care.

Be thorough in your answers and make sure you are looking at the “big picture”.

Listen carefully to the questions, as they have multiple parts. Ensure that you truly answer all parts of the question.

Examples of Scenario based questions:

- Assessment and treatments for common medical emergencies
- Assessment and treatments for common traumatic emergencies
- EMT based paramedic assist skills

Prerequisite Course Grades

Provide a transcript for the following prerequisite course completion and grade received:

- EMT 219 - Paramedic Preparation
- HSC 104 - Medical Terminology
- HSC 108 - Disease Processes for the Health Sciences
- HSC 217 - Cardiac Dysrhythmias
- HSC 228 - Calculations for Medication Administration

The candidate may also submit any other courses transcripts that would be applicable to this area of study