

PARAMEDIC

Certificate, 42 Credit Hours, 18-Month Program*

The Paramedic certificate at Western Dakota Tech is available to participants that are currently certified and/or licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians at the state or national level. The Paramedic certificate student will experience over one thousand hours of training that entails didactic experience and a vigorous and stringent clinical program that will produce a pre-hospital caregiver that will meet the demands of society.

At the end of the paramedic certificate training and education the successful candidate will have the following: American Heart Association (AHA) – Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS); National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) – Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) as well as Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS). These courses aid in the successful candidate’s approach to the national certification exam that will allow them to obtain the title of Paramedic.

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
	Technical Requirements	
EMS 210	PARAMEDIC CARDIOLOGY	4
EMS 215	PARAMEDIC PREPARATORY I	4
EMS 225	PARAMEDIC PREPARATORY II	4
EMS 220	PARAMEDIC MEDICAL	4
EMS 230	PARAMEDIC SPECIAL OPERATIONS	2
EMS 250	PARAMEDIC CLINICAL I	2
EMS 255	PARAMEDIC CLINICAL II	4
EMS 275	PARAMEDIC INTERNSHIP	10
EMS 280	NREMT PREP	2
HC 114	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS**	3
HC 213	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I**	3
	Total	42

*Students must successfully complete the certificate requirements to sit for the National Registry Exam to become a Licensed Paramedic.

**Students must have an approved 3 credit Anatomy & Physiology and 3 credit Medical Terminology course through an accredited post-secondary institute before advancing into EMS courses.

Clinicals, practicums, and internships may include, but are not limited to, differential shifts (evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays) to meet industry expectations. This may require travel outside the Rapid City area.

Students may be subject to a background check for the South Dakota Medical and Osteopathic Examiners in order to receive the required “student status.” Student status is required to complete the clinical portions and some of the lab activities in the Paramedic program.

If you are not a resident in the state of South Dakota, please be aware that licensing requirements vary from state to state. It is your responsibility to determine if your Paramedic testing results and status are valid in your state of residence, or the state in which you plan to practice as a Paramedic.

Semester breakdown on next page

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Certificate Requirements

			First Semester		CR
			EMS 210	Paramedic Cardiology	4
			EMS 215	Paramedic Preparatory I	4
			EMS 220	Paramedic Medical	4
			Total Credit Hours		12
			Second Semester		CR
EMS 225	Paramedic Preparatory II	4			
EMS 230	Paramedic Special Operations	2			
EMS 250	Paramedic Clinical I	2			
EMS 255	Paramedic Clinical II	4			
Total Credit Hours		12			
			Third Semester		CR
			EMS 275	Paramedic Internship	10
			EMS 280	NREMT Prep	2
			Total Credit Hours		12

If you are or have been convicted, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or certain misdemeanors, you are advised that you may not be able to complete all course requirements for your chosen program, you may be prevented from taking required certification/licensure examinations in your chosen program field, and you may be prevented from gaining employment in your program field.