



Paramedic Application Process

To gain acceptance into the WDTC Paramedic program, applicants must:

- _____ 1. Complete WDTC Application online at www.wdt.edu
- _____ 2. Submit High School transcript or GED scores.
- _____ 3. Submit Immunization Records verifying two doses of MMR vaccinations.
- _____ 4. Submit official college transcripts if you have previously attended a post-secondary institution.
- _____ 5. Schedule an Admissions Advising Session (can be completed on campus or by phone).
- _____ 6. Complete the ACCUPLACER test (\$15.00 fee). Call 605-718-2565 to schedule an appointment.
(The ACCUPLACER test will be waived if you have an ACT sub score of 18 or better in English, Math, and Reading, or a SAT sub score of at least 440 in Verbal and Math. The scores must be within the last five years.)

To continue into Paramedic (EMS) technical courses, students must submit the following to:

Western Dakota Technical College
Attn: Mary Grassrope- Program Director
800 Mickelson Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57703
605-718-2549 or mary.grassrope@wdt.edu

- _____ 1. Provide a copy of current NREMT certification*
- _____ 2. Complete a background check through www.castlebranch.com, enter WF74 for the package code. There is a \$50.00 fee to submit your background request. Results will be sent directly to WDT. (The background check is for WDTC purposes only. WDTC does not interpret background checks on behalf of the SDBMOE, and therefore, cannot guarantee students that they will meet the standards of the Board for a Paramedic license.)
- _____ 3. Provide a copy of current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS CPR certification*
- _____ 4. Provide proof of EMT licensure within your state of residence or within the state you are going to be completing clinical time/internship time.
(If you have a felony or a misdemeanor, this may prevent you from obtaining South Dakota Licensure. We advise you to appeal to the State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners Office for a decision early in your program so you are fully informed of whether or not you will be able to complete the Paramedic Program. sdbmoe@state.sd.us or 605-367-7781)
- _____ 5. Provide a copy of immunization records (Hepatitis B Series, annual TB Test, COVID-19, and annual Flu Shot)*
- _____ 6. Anatomy and Physiology (HC114) and Medical Terminology (HC213) must be completed prior to enrolling in any EMS course* except EMS101

*Students must use an approved WDTC testing site and are responsible for additional costs.

The program director will assist students with any clinical or internship site requirements.

Note:

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.

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.

Students that sit out for a spring or fall semester or longer, will return under a new Catalog and may be required to repeat courses or successfully complete new or revised skills or competency assessments. Before readmittance, the program may need to determine if a student is eligible to continue into technical courses. Program sequencing and cohort size may prevent enrollment in technical 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.

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