EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION
The Emergency Medical Services Program (EMS) trains students for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification and for Paramedic licensure. Continuing education courses, including an EMT refresher course, are also offered. Students are taught the fundamental principles and skills required to provide emergency medical care for the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency and/or during transport to a healthcare facility. Our training program prepares the graduate to function as a beginning practitioner according to national standards. Hands-on clinical and field internship experience is part of the training.

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An Associate Degree, depending on the focus of study, is designed to prepare students for transfer into upper division course work in a bachelor's degree program, or, to prepare students to enter the workforce in a particular vocational field. To qualify for an Associate's Degree, a student must: (1) complete each major-specific course required for the degree with at least a “C” grade or better, (2) complete all Cuesta College general education, graduation and residency requirements, and (3) achieve an overall grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted (major, general education, elective).

A Certificate Program is designed for students who desire specific training to meet an immediate occupational or personal goal, or for promotion or lateral transfer within their existing field of employment. To qualify for a Certificate of Achievement or a Certificate of Specialization, a student must 1) complete all courses required for the Certificate with an overall grade point average of 2.0.

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The Paramedic Program prepares graduates to take the Paramedic National Registry Examination (NREMT-P) leading to licensure as a Paramedic. Our goal is to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels.

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The Cuesta College Paramedic Program initially became accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAA-HEP) and earned approval by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEM-SP) on July 25, 2008. The program has ongoing accreditation through 2019.

Students interested in applying to the Paramedic Program are strongly urged to consult an academic counselor prior to registering in prerequisite coursework.

All persons who meet Cuesta College’s admission requirements, additional pre-paramedic program admission criteria, and submit a timely paramedic program application are eligible for consideration into the program.

The program starts each January.

Entrance requirements are subject to change. For most current information please refer to the Nursing and Allied Health Division webpage at https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/scimath/nah/emsdept/paramedic-info/index.html

Paramedic Program Admission requirements include:

- Biology 212* (Human Biology, lab portion not required)
- English 156** (College Reading and Writing)**
- Math 123** (Elementary Algebra)**
- High School Diploma (transcript with date of completion posted) or GED
- Current CA EMT certification
- Current Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer CPR certification

* Equivalent courses from other colleges OR completion of higher level courses, such as BIO 205 (Anatomy) and BIO 206 (General Human Physiology) are accepted. BIO 205 or BIO 206 is highly recommended.

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Additionally, admitted students are required, at their own expense, to complete a background check, drug screen, physical exam, and provide documentation of immunizations, per current affiliate agency agreements.

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**TRANSFER PREPARATION**

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

**TRANSFER RESOURCES:**

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine: www.ASSIST.org

CSU System Information: www2.calstate.edu

**FINANCIAL AID**

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Paramedic — Associate in Science

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Paramedic — Certificate of Achievement

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Emergency Medical Technician — Certificate of Specialization

Required Course (9.5 credits)
EMS 201  Emergency Medical Technician 9.5
Total Credits 9.5

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Emergency Medical Technician Refresher — Certificate of Specialization

Students must possess a current Emergency Medical Technician I CA issued certificate that has not expired for more than two years, and successfully pass the EMS 102 refresher class to apply for recertification.

Required Course (1.5 credits)
EMS 102  Emergency Medical Technician-Refresher 1.5
Total Credits 1.5

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Hazardous Material and First Responder Operational — Certificate of Specialization

Students must receive an 80% or better on the final exam to receive certification from the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI).

Required Course (1.5 credits)
EMS 103  Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational 1.5
Total Credits 1.5

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