

# **JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Johnston Community College and the Associate Degree Emergency Medical Science Program as specified in the Johnston Community College Catalog. Applicants are selected on the basis of their achievement potential through the use of previous academic records and based on the number of available seats in the program.

In order for a student to be considered for admission to the EMS Program, the applicant must complete Phases I and II below. Applicants can test for the NC Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) certification after successfully completing the first semester.

## **Advanced Placement**

A certified EMT or Advanced EMT, completed by transfer credit or through certification can apply for spring admission if they have completed all required courses in the fall semester as outlined in the JCC EMS program of study. Applicants applying to the Bridging option must hold a current North Carolina Paramedic certification. Applicants from out of state who hold a National Registry Paramedic certification must obtain a North Carolina Paramedic credential through the North Carolina Office of EMS reciprocity process.

## **PHASE I: Application and Admission Process**

- Submit a completed application to Johnston Community College
- Official transcripts from high school or GED scores and all colleges sent to the College.
- All foreign transcripts (secondary and post-secondary) *must* be evaluated by an JCC recognized evaluation company at the student's expense. For specific details see International Transcript Credit information in the College catalog.
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the Associate Degree EMS Program
  - Maintained a 2.0 or higher grade point average
  - Complete the College placement (NCDAP) test or met test exemption requirements.

- Have attained a minimum grade of "C" in a general biology course at the high school or college level.
- Place into ENG 111 and MAT 143.
- Complete an interview with an admissions counselor after completing the College placement test and or all official College transcripts have been received by the College. All transcripts must be on file to complete the interview.

**(Applicants must complete all of Phase I and meet admission requirements to advance to Phase II)**

### **PHASE II: Program Application and Notification and Acceptance**

- Submit a program specific application by May 1 of the admitting year. The college reserves the right to extend the application deadline when warranted. Program specific applications are available beginning September 1 of the prior admitting year in the Student Services Office. Twenty-five students are admitted each fall on a first-come, first served basis. Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office with the following items listed:
  - Copy of counselor interview summary
- Applicants are notified by mail of their acceptance.
- Must attend a program orientation in July of the admitting year by the Program Director or designee. You will receive a letter providing additional information in late May. Due to the demand of health science programs, students are encouraged to complete advising and registration at the program orientation. To secure their position in the program students are encouraged to have met their financial obligations to the College after registering for classes.
- Show documentation of physical and emotional health by the student's primary care provider. (College approved forms will be distributed at orientation). Completion of all forms (medical, criminal background checks and drug screening) are due in the first semester.

\*Students admitted to the Associate Degree Emergency Medical Services Program at Johnston Community College will submit to criminal background checks and drug screening upon admission to the program and random drug screening as directed by affiliating agencies. Information obtained from the criminal background check could jeopardize the student's ability

to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the inability of the student to complete the program. Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screening every 6 months while enrolled in the program.

The application for certification examination with the North Carolina Office of EMS inquires whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony including minor traffic violations. If the answer is "yes" the applicant is asked to provide an explanation. This question is asked because of the legal requirements for becoming a certified EMT or Paramedic in North Carolina. Similar requirements exist in other states. Individuals applying for an EMS certification in the state of North Carolina are subject to the provision of the North Carolina general Statues on EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA RULES found in section 10A NCAC 13P.

Note: Having a criminal history, including felony conviction, does not necessarily preclude an individual from applying for or receiving a North Carolina EMS certification. The NC Office of EMS will evaluate individuals on a case by case basis, but only **AFTER** that individual has completed an approved educational course, passed a state certification exam and applied for certification.

*The College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to provide a one year notice however, changes or revisions that occur as the result of accreditation or approval body standards and criteria may be implemented with limited notice.*

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