



East Central College Paramedic Program Application



Class Beginning August 22, 2023

Graduating

Deadline to apply: August 1, 2023

****NOTE:** *A new application must be submitted each year.*

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Applicants for admission and employment, students, employees, and sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment are hereby notified that East Central College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, genetic information, age, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. Inquiries related to employment practices may be directed to Wendy Hartmann, Human Resources Director, 005 DSSC, telephone number 636-584-6712, or hrnotice@eastcentral.edu.

Inquiries/concerns regarding civil rights compliance as it relates to student programs and services may be directed to the Vice-President of Student Development, 131 Buescher Hall, 636-584-6565, or stnotice@eastcentral.edu. Both offices are located at the ECC main campus located at 1964 Prairie Dell Road, Union, Missouri 63084.

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CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM UNION AND ROLLA

Thank you for your interest in our Paramedic Program. Enclosed is the application packet. This packet includes information you will need to read and forms you will need to complete and return if you would like to begin the application process.

The East Central College Paramedic Technology Program is fully accredited by CoAEMSP. As identified in the packet, it is a **56-credit hour** certificate program (including pre-requisites) that encompasses on-campus classroom and laboratory hours as well as clinical experience in a variety of local hospitals and facilities. Once selected for admission into the program, students should complete the full-time paramedic program in two years. General education courses may be completed on a full- or part-time basis prior to or during the program. Upon graduation, students receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paramedic Technology and are eligible to apply to sit for the national exam NREMT to obtain a Paramedic license. Any student completing the paramedic program will automatically complete a Certificate of Achievement of Paramedic and be eligible to sit for the NREMT exam.

To be considered for admission into East Central College's Paramedic Technology program you must have completed high school, or equivalent, and be admitted as an East Central College student (separate application). ***To apply to the paramedic program, return the attached application to East Central College, Nursing and Allied Health, 1964 Prairie Dell Road, Union, MO 63084-4344. Applications must be submitted on an annual basis and are only good for one admission cycle.***

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The ECC Paramedic Program is approved to accept students into the program each Fall semester. ***The deadline for application is August 1st of the year you intend to start the paramedic program and all transcripts must be on file by August 16th of the same year.***

For consideration, applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

- 1. Minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or greater for students who have previously attended college. .**
- 2. Pre-requisite coursework completed with a "C" or better. Pre-requisite coursework must be completed by the end of the summer semester (August) before Fall admission into the program. See curriculum page in this application packet for more detail.**
- 3. Three (3) appropriate references on file.** (See application for guidelines regarding references).
- 4. Official transcripts received and evaluated for program, as well as proof of enrollment, if coursework is taken at another institution.** Applications will not be considered if official transcripts have not been evaluated **by August 16th, 2023**. It is the applicant's responsibility to check their E-Central account to determine status of their ECC transcript.
- 5. Must be in a state of physical and mental health compatible with the responsibilities of a paramedic career.** A physical examination, including selected diagnostic tests and immunizations, is required upon acceptance into the program (a form is provided in acceptance packet).

6. **Admission is contingent upon a successful criminal background check and a satisfactory drug screening.** The procedures are completed after the paramedic acceptance packet has been received.

It is the *applicant's responsibility* to verify with the Nursing and Allied Health office that the application file is complete. **Incomplete application files will *not* be considered for admission.**

All college coursework, pertinent to the Paramedic program, **MUST** be completed with a grade of “C” or better. All science courses must be no older than 5 years at the time of acceptance.

All applicants will be notified of acceptance by phone call and email two weeks prior to class starting.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nursing and Allied Health (Union) at (636) 584-6616 or via e-mail at jennifer.goodson@eastcentral.edu. Paramedic program information is also available on our website at <https://www.eastcentral.edu/allied-health/paramedic-technology/>.

Best of luck with your educational endeavors and please let us know if we can be of assistance.



Jenifer Goodson, B.S, Paramedic

EMS Program Director

**EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE
CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE
PARAMEDIC CURRICULUM
UNION AND ROLLA**

PREREQUISITE COURSES/GENERAL EDUCATION

- *COL 101 Falcon Seminar
- *BIO 151 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology
- *EMS 109 Emergency Medical Tech Clinical
- *EMS 110 Emergency Medical Tech Lecture
- *EMS 101 BLS/Healthcare Providers

Required Courses for Certificate of Achievement

Fall

EMS 121 Intro to Paramedic Technology Lecture
EMS 122 Intro to Paramedic Technology Clinical
EMS 151 Paramedic 1 Lab
EMS 152 Paramedic 1 Lecture
EMS 161 Paramedic 2 Clinical
EMS 162 Paramedic 2 Lecture
ACLS or PALS or PHTLS

19 CH

Spring

EMS 201 Paramedic 3 Lecture
EMS 202 Paramedic 3 Clinical
EMS 211 Paramedic 4 Clinical
EMS 212 Paramedic 4 Lecture
EMS 221 Paramedic 5 Lecture
EMS 222 Paramedic 5 Clinical
ACLS or PALS or PHTLS

20 CH

Summer

EMS 231 Paramedic 6
EMS 290 Paramedic 6 Field Internship

3 CH

General Education Courses for AAS

MTH 110 Intermediate Algebra **or** MTH 140 Contemporary Math **or** MTH 150 Statistics
Core 42 Written Communication
General Sociology **or** Ethics
Core 42 Civics
Core 42 Oral Communication
PSC Civics Achievement Exam

**EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE
CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

****Estimated Itemized Expenses**

Fall Semester #1

In-District @ \$125.00/hr. (19 credit hours) = \$2375

Out-of-District @ \$174.00/hr. (19 credit hours) = \$3306

Spring Semester #2

In-District @ \$125.00/hr. (20 credit hours) = \$2500

Out-of-District @ \$174.00/hr. (20 credit hours) = \$3480

Summer Semester #3

In-District @ \$125.00/hr. (3 credit hours) = \$375

Out-of-District @ \$174.00/hr. (3 credit hours) = \$522

General and course fees, books, and uniforms not included with tuition.

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East Central College Certificate/Associate Degree Paramedic Program

Summary of ECC Paramedic Drug Screening, Immunization and Physical Examination Policies

Criminal History

As a requirement of the application process for the East Central College Paramedic Program, in response to RSMo 660.317b and 660.315, students accepted into the program will be required to consent to release of their criminal history records (RSMo 43.450) for the sole purpose of determining the applicant's ability to enter patient care areas in order to fulfill the requirements of the Paramedic program. Any student who is found to have a criminal history for a felony conviction, as defined by state law, or is found to be on one of the governmental sanction lists, will not be accepted nor allowed to continue enrollment in the ECC Paramedic Program. Acceptance into and completion of the program does not guarantee licensure. In addition, any conviction may affect a student's ability to be placed in a clinical site and a graduate's ability to sit for the NREMT Examination or attain State Licensure. ***Students currently serving probation are ineligible for admission and may be ineligible for admission if the criminal offense is recent in nature.***

Drug Screening

The purpose of the ECC Paramedic Program Drug Testing Policy is to ensure that students entering the Program are drug- and alcohol-free and to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. Offers of acceptance to the Paramedic Program are made as conditional offers. Applicants may be denied admittance if a positive drug screen is detected. An applicant who refuses to authorize and pay for testing, or who tests positive for drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances, may not receive a final offer of admission. A current Paramedic student who refuses to authorize and pay for testing, or who tests positive for drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances, may not be allowed to continue in the Paramedic program. A positive drug screen during the professional years may disqualify a student from participating in required coursework involving client interaction and will affect the student's ability to complete the program.

Immunizations and Physical Examination

The purpose of the ECC Paramedic Program Immunizations and Physical Examination Policy is to ensure that students entering the Program are in a state of physical and mental health compatible with the responsibilities of a career in emergency medical services and in general, working with individuals in a healthcare or other provider environment. Upon acceptance to the program, all incoming paramedic students are required to have a physical examination and certain immunizations (forms will be provided) to comply with ECC and clinical site-specific policies. Record of childhood immunizations are sufficient; however, if not available or insufficient, proof of immunity/re-immunization is required at the student's expense. Applicants may be denied admittance if they are not in a state of physical and mental health compatible with the responsibilities of a career as a paramedic and/or if they do not receive the proper immunizations.

Graduate Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the ECC Paramedic Program, the graduate will be eligible to sit for the NREMT Cognitive Exam to become a registered paramedic. Upon passing the exam, graduates will be eligible to apply for a Missouri state license. See Performance Standards for more information.

Functional Job Analysis

Per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Paramedic Characteristics

*The Paramedic must be a confident leader who can accept the challenge and high degree of responsibility entailed in the position. The Paramedic must have excellent judgement and be able to prioritize decisions and act quickly in the best interest of the patient, must be self-disciplined, able to develop patient rapport, interview hostile patients, maintain safe distance, and recognize and utilize communication unique to diverse multicultural groups and ages within those groups. Must be able to function independently at optimum level in a non-structured environment that is constantly changing.

Even though the Paramedic is generally part of a two- person team generally working with a lower skill and knowledge level Basic EMT, it is the Paramedic who is held responsible for safe and therapeutic administration of drugs including narcotics. Therefore, the Paramedic must not only be knowledgeable about medications but must be able to apply this knowledge in a practical sense. Knowledge and practical application of medications include thoroughly knowing and understanding the general properties of all types of drugs including analgesics, anesthetics, anti-anxiety drugs, sedatives and hypnotics, anti-convulsant, central nervous stimulants, psychotherapeutics which include antidepressants, and other anti-psychotics, anticholinergics, cholinergic, muscle relaxants, anti-dysrhythmics, anti-hypertensives, anticoagulants, diuretics, bronchodilators, ophthalmic, pituitary drugs, gastro-intestinal drugs, hormones, antibiotics, antifungals, anti-inflammatories, serums, vaccines, anti-parasitic, and others.

*The Paramedic is personally responsible, legally, ethically, and morally for each drug administered, for using correct precautions and techniques, observing, and documenting the effects of the drugs administered, keeping one's own pharmacological knowledge- based current as to changes and trends in administration and use, keeping abreast of all contraindications to administration of specific drugs to patients based on their constitutional make-up, and using drug reference literature.

*The responsibility of the Paramedic includes obtaining a comprehensive drug history from the patient that includes names of drugs, strength, daily usage, and dosage. The Paramedic must take into consideration that many factors, in relation to the history given, can affect the type of medication to be given. For example, some patients may be taking several medications prescribed by several different doctors and some may lose track of what they have or have not taken. Some may be using non-prescription/over the counter drugs. Awareness of drug reactions and the synergistic effects of drugs combined with other medicines and in some instances, food, is imperative. The Paramedic must also take into consideration the possible risks of medication administered to a pregnant mother and the fetus, keeping in mind that drugs may cross the placenta.

*The Paramedic must be cognizant of the impact of medications on pediatric patients based on size and weight, special concerns related to newborns, geriatric patients, and the physiological effects of aging such as the way skin can tear in the geriatric population with relatively little to no pressure. There must be an awareness of the high abuse potential of controlled substances and the potential for addiction, therefore, the Paramedic must be thorough in report writing and able to justify why a particular narcotic was used and why a particular amount was given. The ability to measure and re-measure drip rates for controlled substances/medications is essential. Once medication is stopped or not used, the Paramedic must send back unused portions to proper inventory arena.

*The Paramedic must be able to apply basic principles of mathematics to the calculation of problems associated with medication dosages, perform conversion problems, differentiate temperature reading between centigrade and Fahrenheit scales, be able to use proper advanced life support equipment and supplies (i.e. proper size of intravenous needles) based on patient's age and condition of veins, and be able to locate sites for obtaining blood samples and perform this task, administer medication intravenously, administer medications by gastric tube, administer oral medications, administer rectal medications, and comply with universal pre-cautions and body substance isolation, disposing of contaminated items and equipment properly.

*The Paramedic must be able to apply knowledge and skills to assist overdosed patients to overcome trauma through antidotes and have knowledge of poisons and be able to administer treatment. The Paramedic must be knowledgeable as to the stages drugs/medications go through once they have entered the patient's system and be cognizant that route of administration is critical in relation to patients' needs and the effect that occurs.

*The Paramedic must also be capable of providing advanced life support emergency medical services to patients including conducting of and interpreting electrocardiograms (EKGs), electrical interventions to support the cardiac functions, performing advanced endotracheal intubations in airway management and relief of pneumothorax and administering of appropriate intravenous fluids and drugs under direction of off-site designated physician.

*The Paramedic is a person who must not only remain calm while working in difficult and stressful circumstances but must be capable of staying focused while assuming the leadership role inherent in carrying out the functions of the position. Good judgement along with advanced knowledge and technical skills are essential in directing other team members to assist as needed. The Paramedic must be able to provide top quality care, concurrently handle high levels of stress, and be willing to take on the personal responsibility required of the position. This includes not only all legal ramifications for precise documentation, but also the responsibility for using the knowledge and skills acquired in real life-threatening emergency situations.

*The Paramedic must be able to deal with adverse and often dangerous situations which include responding to calls in districts known to have high crime and mortality rates. Self-confidence is critical, as is a desire to work with people, solid emotional stability, a tolerance for high stress, and the ability to meet the physical, intellectual, and cognitive requirements demanded by this position.

Physical Demands

Aptitudes required for work of this nature are good physical stamina, endurance, and body condition that would not be adversely affected by frequently having to walk, stand, lift, carry, and balance at times, in excess of 125 pounds. Motor coordination is necessary because over uneven terrain, the patient's, the Paramedic's, and other workers' well-being must not be jeopardized.

Comments

The Paramedic provides the most extensive pre-hospital care and may work for fire departments, private ambulance services, police departments or hospitals. Response times for nature of work are dependent upon nature of call. For example, a Paramedic working for a private ambulance service that transports the elderly from nursing homes to routine medical appointments and check-ups may endure somewhat less stressful circumstances than the Paramedic who works primarily with 911 calls in a district known to have high crime rates. Thus, the particular stresses inherent in the role of the Paramedic can vary, depending on place and type of employment.

However, in general, in the analyst's opinion, the Paramedic must be flexible to meet the demands of the ever-changing emergency scene. When emergencies exist, the situation can be complex and care of the patient must be started immediately. In essence, the Paramedic in the EMS system uses advanced training and equipment to extend emergency physician services to the ambulance. The Paramedic must be able to make accurate independent judgements while following oral directives. The ability to perform duties in a timely manner is essential, as it could mean the difference between

By signing below, I acknowledge the information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I know of no reason that I would be denied the opportunity to sit for the National Registry Examination following successful completion of the Paramedic curriculum.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN PARAMEDIC

NOTE: *Students who have ever been admitted to any Paramedic Program previously must produce a Letter of Recommendation from the previous Paramedic /Director. Students who have had two (2) attempts to ANY Paramedic program are not eligible for admission.*

To INITIATE the application process, the student MUST complete the following requirements:

- _____ **1. APPLY FOR GENERAL ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE (Declare Major: Paramedic Technology)**. To apply, visit the East Central College website: <https://admissions.eastcentral.edu>. If you have questions regarding the college application, please contact Admissions at 636-584-6588.
- _____ **2. PROVIDE OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL, TECHNICAL SCHOOL & COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS**. Applicant must request that official transcripts from high school or GED (scores required) *and all* colleges attended be sent to **ECC Student Services** for evaluation. Evaluating transcripts can be time consuming so please allow ample time for processing. Failure to request your transcripts in a timely manner may result in an incomplete application file.
- _____ **3. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ALL PRE-REQUISITE COURSEWORK** with a grade of “C” or better. Pre-requisite coursework must be completed by the end of the summer semester (July) before Fall admission into the program.
- _____ **4. CUMULATIVE COLLEGE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.00 (MINIMUM) for a college course work.**
- _____ **5. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR Paramedic Program**
- _____ **6. THREE (3) COMPLETED APPROPRIATE REFERENCES** (*see paramedic application and reference form for criteria*); *the applicant is responsible for distributing references. It is the applicant’s responsibility to check with the Allied Health Office to make sure that the references have been received by the August 1st deadline.* Applicants who have had prior admission into any paramedic program must have a letter of reference from the Paramedic Director from that program accompanying their application.
- _____ **7. SIGNED TECHNOLOGY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM.**
- _____ **8. Mandatory meeting with Program Director, Jenifer Goodson to discuss the application process, program expectations, and to register for classes.**

AFTER ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM THE FOLLOWING WILL BE REQUIRED:

1. **DRUG SCREENING** (site determined by ECC).
2. **MEDICAL EXAMINATION** - with Satisfactory Results (*Departmental form provided*). **Must be in a state of physical and mental health compatible with the responsibilities of a paramedic career.** A physical examination including selected diagnostic tests and immunizations, is required after acceptance at your cost (the form is provided in the acceptance packet).
3. **SATISFACTORY FINGERPRINT/CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.**
4. **CURRENT CPR CARD** - From either American Heart Association (BCLS-C) for Healthcare Provider (Basic Cardiac Life Support), or the American Red Cross CP for The Professional Rescuer.
5. **Current Missouri EMT License**
6. **Mandatory Orientation August 21, 2023, from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. If you do not attend this orientation, you will not be allowed to continue in the program.**

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS: It is the ***RESPONSIBILITY of the STUDENT*** to maintain communication with the Nursing and Allied Health office to ensure that the application folder is complete and up to date with current admission requirements. You may call (636) 584-6616 or e-mail Jessica.horn@eastcentral.edu. Admission to the program **is not guaranteed**. Applicants can improve their chances of admission by maintaining a high GPA, completing pre- and co-requisite courses. ***It should be understood that satisfactorily meeting minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission.***

Successful completion of the paramedic program DOES NOT guarantee eligibility to take the licensure examination. Since one of the functions of the Missouri Bureau of EMS is to protect the public, the Bureau of EMS may refuse licensure to applicants who may jeopardize the well-being of Missouri citizens. The Missouri Bureau of EMS may refuse to issue any license of for the cause(s) outlined in the Missouri Bureau of EMS Law 190.142.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION FALL 2023

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by: _____

Date Rec'd: _____

RETURN APPLICATION by August 1, 2023

TO: EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

Department of Nursing & Allied Health
Paramedic Program
1964 Prairie Dell Road
Union, MO 63084-4344
Telephone: (636) 584-6616

*** Deadline for all Pre-licensure applications: **August 1, 2023**
Transcripts must be on file by **August 16, 2023**

Completion of this application does not constitute admission to the program of study.

Please indicate preference by putting a '1' by 1st choice and a "2" by your 2nd choice. If only one location desired, mark only one choice:

_____ **Union Campus** _____ **Rolla Campus**

NAME: _____
Last
First
MI
Previous or Other Names
Student ID Number

ADDRESS: _____
 (Mailing) *Street*
City
State
Zip Code
County

Home Phone: _____ Work/School Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
(Falcon e-mail address)

Person to be notified in case of emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

EDUCATION:

High School Attended: _____ Year Graduated _____

OR Earned GED: State: _____ Date Received: _____

COLLEGE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:

NAME: _____ Dates Attended _____ Degree _____

NAME: _____ Dates Attended _____ Degree _____

NAME: _____ Dates Attended _____ Degree _____

If you are currently attending college, list the courses being taken: _____

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill in the following information. **Three (3) references are required by August 1st for a completed application file.** **Please note:** It is your responsibility to contact references and distribute the enclosed reference form to those individuals, with a stamped envelope addressed with the ECC Paramedic address above. **Your references should be by a professional, no friends/relatives, who can attest to your character and work ethic, preferably a healthcare professional.** ***Students that have been previously enrolled in a paramedic program, or are requesting transfer, must supply one reference from the Dean/Director of that program.

NAME (First and Last) PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY	STREET/BOX ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP (Must have complete addresses. If business address, please include name of business.)	TITLE/ POSITION	RELATIONSHIP (No friends/relatives)

WORK HISTORY: List employment beginning with the *most recent* position.

NAME OF EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	POSITION HELD	DATES	
			From	To

**If yes, explain fully, in a separate notarized statement, and provide certified copies of court documents (i.e., docket sheet, complaint, and final disposition).			
YES	NO		Have you ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty, pled nolo contendere or entered an Alford plea to any crime, whether or not sentence was imposed excluding traffic violations? (This includes any crime where the disposition was a suspended imposition of sentence (SIS), or a suspended execution of sentence (SES), or if you pled guilty but were placed in an alternative or diversion court, including drug or DWI court.)
YES	NO		Have you ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty, pled nolo contendere or entered an Alford plea to any traffic offense resulting from or related to the use of drugs or alcohol, whether or not sentence was imposed? (This includes a disposition of a suspended imposition of sentence (SIS), suspended execution of sentence (SES), or placement in a post-plea alternative or diversion court and includes municipal charges of driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence and/or driving with excessive blood alcohol content.)
YES	NO		Do you have any condition or impairment, including a history of alcohol or substance abuse that currently interferes, or if left untreated may interfere, with your ability to practice in a competent and professional manner? If yes, explain fully in a separate notarized statement.
YES	NO		Are you now being treated, or have you been treated within the past five years, through a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program? If yes, explain fully in a separate notarized statement and provide the discharge summary or other official documentation that shows your diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment plan.
YES	NO		Are you listed on any state or federal sexual offender registry? If yes, explain fully on a separate notarized statement.
YES	NO		Have you ever been placed on an employee disqualification list or other related restriction of finding pertaining to employment within a health-related profession issued by any state or federal government or agency? If yes, explain fully on a separate notarized statement.

Any student who is found to have a criminal history for a class A or class B felony, as defined by state law, or is found to be on one of the governmental sanction lists, will not be able to continue enrollment in the East Central College Paramedic program. **Acceptance into, and completion of the program, does not guarantee licensure by the Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. If criminal history prohibits placement in the clinical setting, you will not be able to complete the paramedic program at East Central College.**

Admission is contingent upon a successful criminal background check and a satisfactory drug screening. The procedures are completed after the initial acceptance letter is sent.

I understand that all information contained in this application, high school, college, or university transcripts, together with the information received from references, will be presented to an admissions committee for review. I hereby grant permission to have my records reviewed.

*In applying for admission to the paramedic program at East Central College, I hereby ___waive my right of access or, I hereby **do not waive** my right of access, to confidential letters and statements of recommendation submitted by references on my behalf as provided by Federal Law, PL93-380.*

List all states in which you have resided in the past 10 years. _____

By signing this application, I understand that it is my responsibility to check the completion status of my application file no later than August 1st before the year of desired program entrance. The file must be complete for consideration. I also understand that any falsification of this application will result in ineligibility for admission.

Date

Signature



Certificate/Associate Degree Paramedic Program Professional Reference Form

Please mail by Aug 1st to:
 East Central College
 Attn: EMS Department
 1964 Prairie Dell Road
 Union, MO 63084

Section A: Applicant Instructions:

Please complete this section and then present this form to the person giving the reference, along with *a stamped envelope addressed to East Central College Paramedic Program (the address is in top right corner)*. As an alternative, the reference form may be returned to you *in a sealed envelope* for you to submit with your application packet. Forms should be completed by a professional, other than a friend or relative, who can attest to your character and work ethic, preferably a healthcare professional.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicant files close August 1st.

Applications will not be reviewed unless references are on file by the deadline.

Name: _____
Last
Maiden (if applicable)
First
Middle Initial

WAIVER OPTION: In applying for admission to the paramedic program at East Central College, this student agrees to waive their Right of Access, as provided by Federal Law, PL93-380, to confidential letters and statements of recommendation submitted by references on their behalf as constituted by their signature below. ***If no signature is given***, the student will have the right to read this reference.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Section B: Person Completing Reference Form:

The above individual has applied to the East Central College Associate Degree Paramedic Program. Graduates of the ECC Paramedic Program are expected to pursue careers in the EMS field. Your assessment of their potential is essential in the process used for selection of final candidates.

Relationship to applicant? _____ How long have you known this applicant? _____

Please carefully assess the applicant in the following areas, comparing this applicant to others you have known who have similar levels of experience or education.

Criteria	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Communication Skills: (<i>Command of oral and written language, use of appropriate body language</i>)					
Reliability/Integrity: (<i>Honest; trustworthy; conscientious</i>)					
Motivation: (<i>Committed based on mature values; realistic view of profession</i>)					
Maturity: (<i>Self-control, unselfish, realistic self-appraisal</i>)					
Perseverance: (<i>Steadfast in purpose; disciplined work habits; stamina/endurance</i>)					
Interpersonal Relations: (<i>Effective response/sensitivity to feelings/needs of others</i>)					
Emotional Stability: (<i>Performance under pressure; absence of tension symptoms; mood stability</i>)					
Intellectual Ability: (<i>Capable of understanding new ideas and concepts</i>)					
Resourcefulness: (<i>Adaptable in new situations; effective use of resources</i>)					
Judgment: (<i>Ability to analyze a situation and make appropriate decisions</i>)					

Please share any **additional strengths, weaknesses, or concerns** that the selection committee should consider for this candidate (please use back of page for additional space):

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Name: _____

Thank you for taking the time to provide a reference for this potential paramedic student.

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Motivation: (<i>Committed based on mature values; realistic view of profession</i>)					
Maturity: (<i>Self-control, unselfish, realistic self-appraisal</i>)					
Perseverance: (<i>Steadfast in purpose; disciplined work habits; stamina/endurance</i>)					
Interpersonal Relations: (<i>Effective response/sensitivity to feelings/needs of others</i>)					
Emotional Stability: (<i>Performance under pressure; absence of tension symptoms; mood stability</i>)					
Intellectual Ability: (<i>Capable of understanding new ideas and concepts</i>)					
Resourcefulness: (<i>Adaptable in new situations; effective use of resources</i>)					
Judgment: (<i>Ability to analyze a situation and make appropriate decisions</i>)					

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Please Print Name: _____

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Reviewed: 4/2023

Code of Ethics for EMS Practitioners

Professional status as an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Practitioner is maintained and enriched by the willingness of the individual practitioner to accept and fulfill obligations to society, other medical professionals, and the EMS profession. As an EMS practitioner, I solemnly pledge myself to the following code of professional ethics:

- To conserve life, alleviate suffering, promote health, do no harm, and encourage the quality and equal availability of emergency medical care.
- To provide services based on human need, with compassion and respect for human dignity, unrestricted by consideration of nationality, race, creed, color, or status; to not judge the merits of the patient's request for service, nor allow the patient's socioeconomic status to influence our demeanor or the care that we provide.
- To not use professional knowledge and skills in any enterprise detrimental to the public well-being.
- To respect and hold in confidence all information of a confidential nature obtained in the course of professional service unless required by law to divulge such information.
- To use social media in a responsible and professional manner that does not discredit, dishonor, or embarrass an EMS organization, co-workers, other health care practitioners, patients, individuals, or the community at large.
- To maintain professional competence, striving always for clinical excellence in the delivery of patient care.
- To assume responsibility in upholding standards of professional practice and education.
- To assume responsibility for individual professional actions and judgment, both in dependent and independent emergency functions, and to know and uphold the laws which affect the practice of EMS.
- To be aware of and participate in matters of legislation and regulation affecting EMS.
- To work cooperatively with EMS associates and other allied healthcare professionals in the best interest of our patients.
- To refuse participation in unethical procedures and assume the responsibility to expose incompetence or unethical conduct of others to the appropriate authority in a proper and professional manner.

***I have read the Code of Ethics for EMS Practitioners and agree to abide by these ethics throughout the Paramedic Program.**

Student Name (printed legibly): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

East Central College
Associate Degree Paramedic Program

Acknowledgement of Technology Requirements Form

To the applicant: Review this form to indicate you understand the technology requirements of the Paramedic Program. **Sign and return the form with your paramedic application by the August 1st deadline.**

The East Central College Paramedic Program utilizes e-technologies to deliver a portion of course content and as a means of communication with program students, faculty, and staff. Through a combination of didactic coursework, classroom/laboratory practice, and clinical experiences, students will learn the profession of paramedics. Aspects of all of these learning environments will require familiarity with internet-based technologies. In addition to internet-based technologies, interactive television will also be utilized to convey course content for some course content between the Union Campus and Rolla location. Specialty topics may have a significant portion delivered with this technology. This allows students to experience the highest level of paramedic expertise for instructional purposes.

Offers of acceptance to the ECC Paramedic Program are made as conditional offers. In addition, to the satisfactory completion of pre-requisite courses, a satisfactory background check, and a negative alcohol, drug, and/or controlled substance test, applicants are required to acknowledge the integral use of technology in the delivery of this program. Technologies include, but are not limited to; internet, e-mail, Canvas, interactive television (ITV), online database searching, web-based lecture capture, internet streaming video review, and other e- technologies as assigned as integral components of the Paramedic Program. While many of these technologies are accessible through any computer with access to the internet, students may be required to travel to the Union campus or Rolla location to attain consistent, high-speed access compatible with viewing of content-specific materials. Students are also required to attend classes on campus delivered through the ITV format.

Students are NOT required to have a personally owned computer or home-based high-speed internet access as these materials and services are made readily available at either the Union or Rolla location. However, current paramedic students report that personally owned laptop computers and access to high-speed internet connections in their homes leads to increased satisfaction and a more convenient and accessible learning environment.

I have read and understand the above technology requirements related to the ECC Paramedic Program and hereby acknowledge that in order to successfully complete the program I will need to utilize said technologies for communication with program faculty and staff, access to course content, assignment submission, and dialogue with fellow classmates and colleagues in these virtual environments.

Student Name (printed legibly): _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____