

Community College of Aurora

Introduction to Emergency Medical Services Program

What does it take to become a paramedic?

There are two basic levels you must complete to become a fully trained paramedic. The EMT Basic and Paramedic (Phases I, II, III) classes will train you in all areas of patient assessment and treatment. Your training includes classroom training, clinical experience in hospitals and hands-on training with fire departments and ambulance companies. The training at Community College of Aurora EMS Program also offers innovative alternatives to courses offered by other agencies. The education revolves around the latest in simulation studio technology which integrates the student's knowledge and real-life practical skills.

CCA has a partnership with the Medical Center of Aurora – the state's second busiest hospital – for you to complete your clinical training. You'll have an on-staff supervisor who can help you learn what you'll need to know to fulfill your program requirements. Your clinical experience will give you real world training, practicing what you learn immediately.

You'll ride along with firefighters from the Aurora Fire Department and paramedics from Rural/Metro Ambulance, as well as a number of other Fire Departments and Ambulance Companies as they go on calls. During this training, you're on the spot – combining classroom learning and hospital skills to use in the field. What better way to learn than to be with the pros as they take emergency calls? This special program we've created with our partners gives you real world training with top-quality medical and emergency providers.

What's the time frame?

This unique program allows you to complete paramedic level in a little less than one year. The complete daytime (C-Shift schedule) and part-time (night/weekend) programs are offered once a year – the daytime program begins in January and the part-time program in August. EMT-Basic classes are offered in the spring, summer and fall.

What kind of certification do I receive?

Emergency medical services providers are regulated nationally by the U.S. Department of Transportation and locally by the Colorado Department of Health. Upon completing Phase III, you'll be eligible for certification by the State of Colorado to work as a paramedic.

You'll receive 56 hours of college credit for completing the program from EMT-Basic through EMT-Paramedic. With just a little more work, you can receive your Associate of Science Degree in Paramedicine simply by taking a few more courses.

What does the program cost?

CCA has an affordable program. For approximately \$7,800 (this figure includes the cost of your books), you can receive all of your certifications – from EMT-Basic through Paramedic. And, CCA can help you find the money for college through the Financial Aid Office. You're getting a great deal for your money, too. Your cost also covers your National Registry Practical Exam and certification fees for:

BTLS Basic Trauma Life Support
ACLS Advanced Cardiac Life Support
PALS Pediatric Advanced Life Support

These certifications are up to \$800 if taken separately outside the program.

What do I do next?

Contact the **EMS Program** at the **Community College of Aurora** at **303-340-7072** or **303-340-7076** or www.ccaurora.edu/ems to find out how easy it is to start a career as a paramedic