



BLESSING HOSPITAL

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

2025-2026 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Important Dates

Applications will be accepted beginning.....January 1, 2025
Paperwork deadline.....July 10, 2025
Interviews, Testing.....July 15, 2025 (8:30AM-12:30PM)
OR July 16, 2025 (1-5PM)
Orientation Day.....July 31, 2025 (9AM-Noon)
Program Start.....August 4, 2025 (8:30AM)

Public Notice regarding CAAHEP accreditation of the paramedic program.

The Blessing Hospital Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services (CoAEMSP).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
727-210-2350
www.caahep.org

To contact CoAEMSP:
214-703-8445
www.coaemsp.org

Public Notice regarding hospital accreditation earned by Blessing Hospital

Blessing Hospital has earned accreditation from DNV-GL healthcare. Accreditation is awarded following an extensive survey by DNV-GL Healthcare to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established standards of quality and patient safety, including CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid services) Conditions of Participation for Hospitals.

Blessing Home Care and Blessing Hospice have both earned accreditation from Accreditation Commission for health care (ACHC).

Information Meetings

Faculty will provide a brief overview of the program and we can answer questions & provide a tour of the Blessing Education Center. Please sign up for an informational session by calling 217-223-8400 ext. 6591.

5/27/2025(Tuesday) 9:00AM – 10:00AM Blessing Education Center, 5009 Oak Street, Room 128
6/26/2025 (Thursday) 2:00PM – 3:00PM Blessing Education Center, 5009 Oak Street, Room 128
Microsoft Teams option available during both information meetings.

If these dates do not work for you, please call (217)223-8400 Derek Wells x6591 or Erin Roberts x6594 to set up a time to meet individually. We can also set up an informational meeting at your agency upon request.

Minimum Requirements to Apply

- Eighteen years of age
- High school diploma (verified by JWCC when you apply to the college)
- Current Illinois EMT license (we can assist with reciprocity if licensed in a state other than Illinois – this takes up to 90 days and is required prior to beginning clinical)
- At least six months recent experience working as an EMT for an ambulance service (preferred)

Admission To John Wood Community College (JWCC)

The paramedic program is taught by Blessing faculty with an agreement in place with John Wood Community College to provide college credit. You should proceed with the JWCC admission process and any transfer of records to them from other colleges. Note – do NOT send college transcripts to Blessing EMS Department - these must be sent to JWCC.

You can enroll in the paramedic courses once you receive your acceptance letter for the program.

Paramedic Program Application

Submit the following items to Blessing Hospital EMS Department by the deadline of July 10, 2025 (Please submit ALL items as a single packet or electronically as a single file)

1. Paramedic program application – front and back completed and signed.
2. Proof that you are at least 18 years of age - acceptable proof includes a copy of your driver's license or state issued ID card.
3. Copy of Illinois EMT license, if no IL license, copy of current state license AND letter of good standing from your agency medical director.
4. Copy of current American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Providers card.
5. TWO letters of reference – one should be a reference from your immediate supervisor if you work in EMS, the second can be an instructor or other person knowledgeable about your EMT abilities.

Pre-Entrance Testing

Testing will be offered on the following dates (You will be contacted to select a date):

July 15, 2025 (Tuesday) 8:30AM-12:30PM Blessing Education Center, 5009 Oak Street, Room 128
July 16, 2025 (Wednesday) 1:00PM – 5:00PM Blessing Education Center, 5009 Oak Street, Room 128

There are three parts to the testing, all conducted on the same date:

1. Panel interview
2. Pre-entrance exam (75 questions)
3. EMT level skill competency evaluation – Trauma assessment/management, Medical assessment/management.

Admission Selection

- Admission selection is based on the number of openings available (maximum 12), interview, pre-entrance examination score, skill competency and previous experience.
- Letters regarding program acceptance will be mailed to candidates. This letter is required by JWCC as proof that you have been accepted into the paramedic program.

Important Admission Note

- Acceptance will be revoked if the candidate is unable to meet the requirements in any of the steps listed OR if a primary Clinical Affiliate (Blessing Hospital) or Field Internship Affiliate refuses to sponsor or allow that candidate to complete clinical at their agency OR if JWCC refuses admission.
- The Blessing Hospital Paramedic Program does not offer advanced placement or credit for experiential learning.

JWCC Disability Services

Students with disabilities who may require special assistance should contact Disability Services in JWCC's Support Services. Disability Services' mission is to provide appropriate resources and support services that will ensure students with disabilities the opportunity to competitively pursue a college education.

In addition, Disability Services assists other college departments in providing access to services and programs in the most integrated setting possible. Appointments should be made well in advance of the start of an academic term to allow for the arrangement of services.

Student responsibility at the postsecondary level involves disclosing the disability, providing recent documentation for review, and requesting appropriate academic accommodations/adjustment/auxiliary aids which are adequately supported by the documentation. Support and assistance are individualized according to the needs of the student.

Accommodations and/or adjustments may include, but not be limited to, advocacy, training, facility access, adaptive equipment and/or materials, interpreters, instructional and test-taking academic adjustments, and coordination with involved area agencies.

Paramedic Program Costs

- Tuition: For the most up-to-date information regarding tuition and fees visit www.jwcc.edu or contact a JWCC admissions advisor. Ask about waiving out-of-state tuition fees and opportunities for financial assistance if needed.
- Textbooks: Brady Paramedic Care: Principles & Practice latest edition
- EMCE Pro Access = \$100.00
- Clinical uniform
 - Paramedic style pants in navy or black estimated cost = \$50.00 – 75.00
 - Polo style clinical uniform shirt hunter green or burgundy with logo – Landmarx (Quincy) approx. \$35
- Stethoscope, shears, penlight est. cost = \$50.00 - \$300.00
- ACLS, PHTLS and PALS course costs are incorporated into the program if the student completes the built-in course. If the student is unable to complete the scheduled course, all costs associated with the course will be assumed by the student. Purchase of textbooks is additional. Loaner books may be available for some courses.

Resources For Paramedic Program Applicants

For questions regarding:	Contact:	Phone number:
Application process, requirements, and deadlines	Blessing Hospital EMS Dept. Paramedic Program Director: Erin Roberts EMS Education Coordinator: Derek Wells	217-223-8400 E. Roberts ext. 6594 D. Wells ext. 6591
JWCC admission to the college and advisement	Admissions	641-4330
JWCC registration for classes	Admissions	641-4330
Tuition, billing, deferred payment plan	JWCC Business Office	641-4202
Financial aid	JWCC	641-4310
Textbooks: Paramedic Care – 6th Edition Principles & Practice Volumes 1 & 2	JWCC Bookstore	641-4231
Clinical uniform shirt – polo style burgundy or green with logo/name	Landmarx (Quincy, IL)	217-223-4601
Clinical uniform pants – black or navy paramedic style	Your choice to purchase	Check websites