

Okaloosa-Walton COLLEGE

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic Program at Okaloosa Walton College. There is a great need for qualified paramedics in Okaloosa and Walton Counties, and the Florida Department of Workforce Innovation has identified EMT/Paramedic/EMS as one of the ten fastest growing career areas for this region. OWC is pleased to offer this new career option through the Division of Health Technology

The Paramedic is the middle level of the EMS career ladder. Paramedics are licensed EMTs who receive training in advanced life support measures, including venipuncture, intravenous therapy, endotracheal intubation, medication administration, dysrhythmia interpretation, cardioversion, and defibrillation. The paramedic curriculum is a three-semester program including fall, spring, and summer semesters. The program consists of 42 college credit hours and contains 696 clinical hours, 398 lecture hours, and 122 skills laboratory hours. A 73-hour associate degree in Emergency Medical Services is also available. Generally, students are admitted to the program once a year during the summer, with an initial enrollment for the fall semester. Depending on program demand and the availability of clinical sites, the college reserves the right to offer alternate or additional admission cycles. ***The application deadline for 2006-07 fall program admissions is June 23, 2006.***

The Admissions Committee will review applications in June for fall semester classes and notify all applicants of the admission selection. The selection process will follow the steps indicated on the following chart (“Okaloosa-Walton College EMS/Paramedic Admission Process”). Selected applicants will be notified of the course times and dates, as well as any additional information or requirements needed prior to final admission and course enrollment. Please note that satisfaction of the minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission into the program.

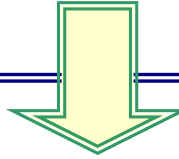
NOTE

At press time, the contents of this packet were still scheduled for final approval by the Okaloosa-Walton College District Board of Trustees. While we anticipate few, if any, changes to the content, the college reserves the right to amend the document. Regardless of any changes, the following basic eligibility requirements will apply: high school and college transcripts, EMT certification, OWC admissions, FCPT testing (see additional FCPT-Placement Testing in this package), and work experience. Interested students should pursue these items as soon as possible. Any changes to this document will be available June 7, 2006. Students may check the OWC website at www.owc.edu or call 729-6400 to obtain information regarding any possible changes. Thank you for your patience!

**OKALOOSA-WALTON COLLEGE
EMS/PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS**

Pool of Eligible Applicants

- Admitted to OWC
- High School Diploma - Graduate/Equivalency
- College readiness verified by appropriate College Placement Test (FCPT) scores and/or all required college prep courses completed
- Completed Paramedic application
- All High school and college transcripts on file
- Current Florida EMT license



All eligible applicants are accepted unless the number exceeds the available slots, in which case the weighted point system below will be used to select students.

Weighted Point System

Item	Points
a. Completion of college-level anatomy & physiology course (minimum of 4 credits including lab) with a grade of "C" or higher	10
b. Completion of college-level anatomy & physiology course (minimum of 4 credits including lab) with a grade of "B" or higher	10 <i>(In addition to points received for item a.)</i>
c. Current Okaloosa or Walton County Residency	5
d. Current employment as an EMT	10
e. EMT Work Experience EMT employed in direct patient care: 1 year experience = 3 points 2 years experience = 6 points 3 years experience = 9 points 4 years experience = 12 points 5 years experience = 15 points 6 years experience = 17 points 7 years experience = 19 points 8 years experience = 21 points 9 years experience = 23 points 10 years experience = 25 points	Maximum 25 points
Maximum Points Available	60

The students with the highest point totals are admitted first. If there is a tie among point totals prior to reaching program capacity, a random lottery among the tied students will determine who is admitted.



Final Group of Students Admitted to the Program

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR PAST

We make every effort to accept as many academically qualified students as possible. In addition to meeting basic entry requirements, applicants must also consider how their personal history may affect their ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for the licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment as a paramedic.

The Paramedic Program requires students to participate in clinical experiences that require a background check and drug screen. Students who cannot produce a favorable background check or drug screen may not be able to meet the program clinical obligations, which will jeopardize their ability to successfully complete that program.

Students who graduate from our programs must also pass licensure exams in order to be employable. The various entities that provide testing and licenses for Paramedics require background checks prior to sitting for the exam and applying for licensure. It is possible to successfully graduate from a health technology program but to be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check.

We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision concerning making application to this program.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON COLLEGE
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM
PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION**

1. Applications must be complete (with all information) by June 23, 2006.
2. Apply for general admission to Okaloosa-Walton College. Applications are available in the office of Enrollment Services and online at www.owc.edu.
3. Complete and submit the Paramedic Program application. Submit to the Health Technology Division, Building E, Room 108 by June 23, 2006. You may mail, fax (850 729-6484) or hand deliver the application.
4. Provide all high school and college transcripts. You must request official transcripts from high school or GED (scores required) and all colleges attended be sent to the Okaloosa Walton College Enrollment Services by the application deadline. Please note official transcripts are sent from the institutions attended to our Office of Enrollment Services. Transcripts mailed by you or brought in by you will not be considered official transcripts.
5. Complete the Florida College Placement Test (FCPT). Students applying for the Paramedic program must take the placement test and achieve the minimum scores or complete all remedial courses to remove deficiency scores in Reading, English and Arithmetic by the application deadline. Contact the Office of Enrollment Services for testing details at (850) 729-6922.
6. Provide a current copy of your Florida Drivers License.
7. Provide a current copy of your Florida EMT License.
8. Provide a current copy of your CPR card to include training in Adult, Infant, and Child CPR.
9. Provide verification of employment as an EMT.
10. At print time these are the requirements, additional paperwork may be necessary to meet program, state, regional, or federal requirements.

PRE-ENROLLMENT CONDITIONS

If selected, you are required to do the following

1. Complete a physical exam, including immunizations and dental exam.
2. A negative drug screen is required. Directions regarding the drug screen will be included in acceptance letters.
3. A satisfactory Criminal Background Check is required. Fingerprinting will be accomplished during orientation.

If you have any questions regarding the Paramedic program, please contact:
Linda Whitenton at (850) 729-4935 or via email whitentl@owc.edu
Jeri Faircloth at (850) 729-6400 or via email faircloj@owc.edu

**OKALOOSA-WALTON COLLEGE
HEALTH TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

*Answer all questions. Please Type or Print (please use **black** ink)*

Name _____
First
Middle
Last
Maiden Name

Home Address _____
Number/Street
City
State
County
Zip

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

Social Security Number: _____ Home Phone: Area Code: (____) _____

Business Phone: Area Code: (____) _____ Email: _____

Send Official transcript to the Office of Admissions and Records.
All schools and colleges attended must be listed for the application to be complete.

Name of School	Location of School	From Month/Year	To Month/Year	Did you Receive Diploma? Degree? Certificate?	What was your Major/Minor?
High School or GED					
College or University					

Certification or License	Issued by Which State or Agency	License Number	Date Issued	Expiration Date

PLEASE READ AND SIGN

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification of information is cause for denial of admission from the College.

Signature of Applicant
Date

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Okaloosa-Walton College
 Health Technology Division
 100 College Blvd.
 Niceville, FL 32578

In Case of Emergency Notify

Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____

Health Related Work and/or Volunteer Experience

Please complete for all health related work and/or volunteer experience. Duplicate this form as needed.

Applicant's Name: _____

Employer _____

Address _____ Telephone No. _____ Ext _____
Mailing Address City State

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates employed from _____ To _____ Full-time Part-time

Nature of Job Duties *Check all that apply* Direct Patient Care Ambulance Driving Dispatch

Managerial Duties Other: Describe: _____

Signature by Employer/Supervisor (Name) _____ (Title) _____

Employer _____

Address _____ Telephone No. _____ Ext _____
Mailing Address City State

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates employed: From _____ To _____ Full-time: Part-time:

Nature of Job Duties *Check all that apply* Direct Patient Care Ambulance Driving Dispatch

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OKALOOSA-WALTON COLLEGE (FCPT) PLACEMENT TESTING PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How can I prepare for the FCPT?

A. The FCPT tests basic skills so that you can be placed in courses appropriate to your skill level in order to ensure your success. These basic skills include: English, Reading Comprehension, and Arithmetic. If you have been out of school for a while or feel you need to brush up on your skills before you test, we recommend that you use an ACT or SAT preparation guide which is available at local bookstores or libraries. You may also wish to review the online study guide at the OWC website – www.owc.edu/testing. Additional study resources are also available at <http://www.mdc.edu/clast/FreeResources.asp#CPT>.

Q. Which courses must I take if I score below college level?

A. If you test into college level preparatory courses, then these courses must be successfully completed before you are eligible to be considered for the Paramedic Program at OWC. (See chart below)

Q. What are the required scores?

A. Currently, college level scores are as follows. Test scores are valid for two years.

	READING	ENGLISH	MATH
FCPT	83	83	83
ACT	18	17	19
SAT	440	440	440

COURSE PLACEMENT

TEST	READING REA0001 PrepRd 1	READING REA0002 PrepRd 2	READING REA2105 Adv Read	English ENC0020 PrepEngA	English ENC0080 PrepEngB	English LIN1670 Writ/Gram	English ENC1101 EngCom1	Alrithmetic MAT0024 PrepAlg 1
FCPT	20-63	64-82	83	20-68	69-82	83-91	92	50-83
ACT	<18 FCPT Required	<18 FCPT Required	18	<17 FCPT Required	<17 FCPT Required	17-20	21	19
SAT I	<440 FCPT Required	<440 FCPT Required	440	<440 FCPT Required	<440 FCPT Required	440-499	500	440

**Students scoring below 50 on the Algebra subtest should consult with an academic advisor to determine if placement should be MAT0024 (Prep Algebra) or MAT002A (Developmental Math)

Q. Can I retake the FCPT?

A. Yes, but you must wait 30 days. You may re-take the entire test or just a portion of the test. Scores for tests re-taken sooner than 30 days will not be considered for placement purposes. Once you enroll in and start attending a preparatory course, however, you will need written permission from your instructor to re-test.

Q. When do I need to take the FCPT and what do I need to bring?

A. Once you have submitted an admissions application to OWC, you may take the FCPT. Bring a drivers license, FL ID card, or military ID for identification. All testing supplies will be provided. Some of the problems may have pop-up calculators for you to use but personal calculators are not allowed during the test. **Please do not bring personal items to the testing room such as bookbags, books, notebooks, etc.**

Q. Where and when can I take the FCPT?

A. The test is available at all six OWC locations. Check the location listed below that is nearest you. During registration periods, additional test sessions may be available. Consult the current course schedule for a listing of dates/times.

Niceville Campus -- 100 College Boulevard, Niceville FL 32578

Monday 8:30am and 1:00pm; Tuesday 8:30am and 5:00pm; Thursday 1:00pm; Friday 8:30am

By appointment only. All testing is conducted in Room C-200. Call 729-6922 or register online at www.owc.edu/testing. **24-hour notice required.**

Fort Walton Beach Campus—1170 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Fort Walton Beach FL 32547

Wednesday 7:00 pm (Bldg 7, Room 764). **By appointment only.** Call 863-6504.

Chautauqua Center – DeFuniak Springs -- 908 US Highway 90 W., DeFuniak Springs FL 32433

Offered the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month – 9:00am. Evenings by appointment – Call 892-8100

Robert L.F. Sikes Center – 805 E. James Lee Boulevard, Crestview FL 32536.

Every other Friday – 9:00am. Call 689-7911 for information.

Eglin Center – Building 251, Room 127, Eglin AFB FL 32542

Tuesday, Thursday – 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm. Active duty military, dependents, and civil service only. No appointment needed. Call 729-5343 or 678-1717 for details.

Hurlburt Center – Building 90220, Room B, Hurlburt Field FL 32544

Monday, Wednesday – 9:00am; 11:00am; 1:00pm. Active duty military, dependents and civil service only. **By appointment only.** Call 884-6296 or 729-5345.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Students requiring special accommodations for the FCPT due to a disability must have their documentation on file with the Office for Students with Special Needs. This office is located in the Student Services Building (C-1) at the Niceville campus. For more information, call 729-6922.