Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Science – Bridging Program. The EMS Bridging Program is a degree completion track that allows certified, non-degree Paramedics to achieve an Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Science. This program is comprised of major EMS courses along with related courses required in the curriculum. The majority of coursework is online with some required work on campus. After reviewing this packet, if you have any questions, please contact Kent Spitler, Director of the Department for EMS Education, at 704.922.6249 or spitler.kent@gaston.edu.

Program Description

The Emergency Medical Science Bridging curriculum provides individuals with the advanced knowledge and understanding of managing an emergency medical services system.

Students will examine and analyze the complex nature and seriousness of the patient’s condition or extent of injuries to assess the need for advanced emergency medical care, and perform complex medical care based on assessment findings of the patient’s condition and/or situation.

Graduates of this program will be able to demonstrate an increased depth and breadth of patient care in the prehospital setting by applying principles from evidence-based research in emergency medicine.

Gaston College Department for EMS Education Paramedic Education programs are 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 the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

To contact CAAHEP:
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
1361 Park Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
727-210-2350
www.caahep.org

To contact CoAEMSP:
CoAEMSP
8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312
Rowlett TX 75088
(214) 703-8445
FAX (214) 703-8992
www.coaemsp.org
Emergency Medical Science Bridging Program Admission Process

Step One: Admission to the College

• Contact the Admissions Department for College admission requirements. The student will complete placement testing, submit high school/GED transcripts, and attend the College orientation. Admission to the Emergency Medical Science Bridging Program is a separate process and instructions are listed in Step Two.

Step Two: Admission to the Emergency Medical Science Bridging Program

• Complete program application (separate from the College admissions application)
• Meet the equivalent of DRE 098.
• An overall GPA minimum of 2.0 in college level coursework in related classes and core courses in the EMS program of study.
• Attach copies of the following documentation to the program application:
  o Active North Carolina Paramedic Certification
  o Provide a copy of valid state driver’s license
  o Letter from an EMS director/training officer verifying 1,000 hours of direct patient contact in the EMS field as a Paramedic. This letter must be on department letterhead.
  o EMS continuing education records during the current certification period
  o AHA Basic Life Support CPR certification
  o ACLS Provider certification
  o PALS or PEPP Provider certification
  o ITLS or PHTLS certification or equivalent
  o Other relevant EMS continuing education
• Must be eligible for NREMT certification prior to the last semester attending Gaston College. The Emergency Medical Science Bridging Program does not provide eligibility to sit for the NREMT Paramedic testing if the applicant has not graduated from a nationally accredited program or a program that holds a letter of review after January 1, 2013. Any student who graduated from a state approved paramedic program prior to January 1, 2013 is still eligible to sit for NREMT Paramedic testing.
• Application materials should be mailed to:
  Gaston College
  Department for EMS Education, Campus Box 10
  201 Highway 321 South
  Dallas, NC 28034

Step Three: After an Emergency Medical Science-Bridging Program acceptance letter is received

• Schedule an appointment with the Program Director
• In addition to maintaining a 2.0 GPA and earning a minimum grade of "C" in all EMS and other related curriculum courses, applicants accepted into the Emergency Medical Science - Bridging Program must maintain, and provide copies of, all certification listed as program entry requirements.
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Gaston College will award experiential credit for core Paramedic courses toward the Associate of Applied science in Emergency Medical Science with the proper documentation. Students must earn at least 20 semester credit hours of their course work at Gaston College in order to receive a degree.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCE BRIDGING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Disclaimer: Completing this form does not guarantee entry into the Paramedic program. Specific program requirements must be met prior to acceptance.

Please print name, address, contact phone number(s) and valid e-mail address:

Name (First) ____________________ (Middle Initial) ____________________ (Last) ____________________

Current Physical Address (do not use P.O. Box numbers) ____________________ City ____________________ State __________ Zip __________

County

/ __ / __ Birthdate ____________________ Home Phone ____________________ Cell Phone ____________________ Emergency Contact Phone ____________________

E-Mail Address: ____________________

Admissions placement testing requirements:

Accuplacer Reading and Writing 129-165 Meets requirement for DRE 098

Accuplacer Mathematics 55-120 Must meet requirement for DMA 030

Recent high school graduates who have a high school grade point average (unweighted 2.6 or higher) may receive a waiver from placement testing.

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The student must meet Gaston College admission requirements. It is the student’s responsibility to apply to the college, complete placement testing and complete a general college orientation either in person or online. The Admissions department can answer any questions regarding this process by calling 704-922-6214.

I certify that I have read and understand the enclosed application information. I also certify that the above information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that misrepresentation, falsification or omission of material fact may be cause for rejection of my application or for termination after acceptance into the EMS program.

Applicant Signature X ____________________ Date of Application ____________________

(please sign your name above) (mm/dd/yyyy)

For Office Use Only:
Received by ____________ on ____________
Reviewed by ____________ on ____________

Conditional Acceptance_____ Does not currently meet requirements_____ Letter sent ______

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