

**Docket Item:**

Community College Approval: Lane Community College, Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paramedic, within 51.0904 – Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic).

**Summary:**

Lane Community College proposes a new Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paramedic. Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) staff completed a review of the proposed program. After analysis, HECC staff recommends approval of the degree as proposed.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The HECC recommends the adoption of the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission approve the following degree: AAS in Paramedic.



**Lane Community College seeks the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission's approval to offer an instructional program leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paramedic.**

**Program Summary**

This Program covers the knowledge, skill and behaviors required to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. The program assists students in mastering patient assessment and intervention for pre-hospital healthcare providers. Cognitive and psychomotor domains are measured for competency by a combination of written exams, skill demonstration, simulation, scenarios, and clinical and internship experiences. The affective domain is measured for competency using published professional standards. Students must demonstrate a proficient understanding of the Emergency Medical System, medical and traumatic emergencies, anatomy and physiology of the human body, and be able to outline proper interventions for specific emergencies. Additionally, students will be able to function as a member of team, learn and apply leadership techniques, and demonstrate proficiency and understanding of the Department of Transportation objectives for Paramedics.

**1. Describe the need for this program by providing clear evidence.**

- <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292041.htm>
- [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_or.htm#29-0000](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_or.htm#29-0000)
- <https://www.qualityinfo.org/ed-ewind>
- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/emts-and-paramedics.htm>
  
- Job Openings and Wages Projected through 2022
- Lane County openings - 8 annually
- Statewide openings - 137 annually
- Lane County Average Hourly for Paramedic/Fire Fighter - \$26.78; average annual - \$55,703
- Note: These figures are taken from State documents, but are fairly misleading and do not accurately reflect the industry.
  
- Job Titles Related to this program
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Paramedic
- Emergency Department Technician

- Medical Assistant
- Security Officer/Paramedic
- Healthcare Support Workers
- Ambulance Operator
- Firefighter

2. ***Does the community college utilize systemic methods for meaningful and ongoing involvement of the appropriate constituencies?***

The Program has extensive partnerships with local communities of interest, including EMS agencies, fire departments, and hospitals throughout Lane County and Oregon. The Program also has agreements with agencies throughout the United States, for student internships. Within the college, the Program partners regularly with other programs including Nursing, Dental Assisting, Physical Therapist Assistant, and others. Additionally, the Program visits local schools and organizations, and provides trainings, orientations, and educational talks for visiting high school and middle school groups. Further, the Program provides continuing education and on-going training for community members, former students, and medical professionals at all levels.

3. ***Is the community college program aligned with appropriate education, workforce development, and economic development programs?***

The Program is a terminal degree that allows students who complete the program to sit for State and National professional licensing. Additionally, these changes allow for better alignment for articulation agreements with colleges that offer EMS Management and other similar degrees.

4. ***Does the community college program lead to student achievement of academic and technical knowledge, skills, and related proficiencies?***

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Evidence of opportunities for co-op, internships: The Program continues to require a Capstone Co-op Internship.

**5. Does the community college identify and have the resources to develop, implement, and sustain the program?**

Though this is being presented as a “new” degree, it is actually a “cleaning up” and new layout for a current successful degree. There is no need for any changes to faculty, staff, or resources.

**Assurances**

Lane Community College has met or will meet the four institutional assurances required for program application.

1. *Access.* The college and program will affirmatively provide access, accommodations, flexibility, and additional/supplemental services for special populations and protected classes of students.
2. *Continuous Improvement.* The college has assessment, evaluation, feedback, and continuous improvement processes or systems in place. For the proposed program, there will be opportunities for input from and concerning the instructor(s), students, employers, and other partners/stakeholders. Program need and labor market information will be periodically re-evaluated and changes will be requested as needed.
3. *Adverse impact and detrimental duplication.* The college will follow all current laws, rules, and procedures and has made good faith efforts to avoid or resolve adverse *intersegmental* and *intra-segmental* impact and detrimental duplication problems with other relevant programs or institutions.
4. *Program records maintenance and congruence.* The college acknowledges that the records concerning the program title, curriculum, CIP code, credit hours, etc. maintained by the Office are the official records and it is the college’s responsibility to keep their records aligned with those of the Office. The college will not make changes to the program without informing and/or receiving approval from the Office.