

Docket Item:

Community College Approval: Umpqua Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine within 51.094, Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)

Summary:

Umpqua Community College proposes a new Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine. 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 Paramedicine.



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

Program Summary

Our program is committed to providing high quality initial emergency medical services education. We offer quality resources, effective teaching practices, and use advanced technology. We advocate respect, sound judgment, compassion, integrity, and teamwork as a foundation for customer service oriented patient care. We strive to instill these qualities in our students.

The Umpqua Community College 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 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
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1. ***Describe the need for this program by providing clear evidence.***

Local Ambulance companies are in constant need of employees. Fire Science Students are required to be medically trained to obtain employment. Clinics and hospitals locally require a paramedic or EMT certification to obtain employment. An associates degree is required to obtain paramedic licensure in the state of Oregon.

The EMS Paramedicine program prepares students for entry level jobs and future careers in the following areas: ambulance companies, fire departments, clinics, and various other industries requiring emergency medical services personnel.

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

The program collaborates with Umpqua Valley Ambulance and Douglas County Fire District 2 for clinical and hands-on experience. Students are required to complete specified hours of training with these two organizations. Mercy Medical Center also provides opportunities for students to engage in training hours. UCC has a program clinic coordinator who works directly with community organizations for student

clinical training hours.

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

UCC EMS-Paramedice is nationally accredited, offers certifications from AHA and NAEMT. The program is associated with the statewide consortium, collaborates with local agencies. The EMS Paramedicine program prepares students for entry level jobs and future careers in the following areas: ambulance companies, fire departments, clinics, and various other industries requiring emergency medical services personnel.

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

Program prepares students to pass NREMT test, offers Psychomotor test for EMT for national registry certification. The program requires on-site training including participation in ambulance and hospital work. Courses within the program integrate scenario-based simulations through hands-on lab work as well as individual engagement.

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

The UCC EMS-Paramedice program collaborates with city and county fire departments, ambulance companies, and hospitals to ensure up-to-date curriculum is being provided to students. Equipment needs are reviewed regularly and program accreditation requirements are met. Conversations with K-12 education are held to encourage enrollment.

Assurances

Umpqua 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.

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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.