Emergency Medical Services
EMT and Paramedic

Admission & Application for Programs

Application Deadlines

EMT:  • Fall Semester: The second Monday in August  
      • Spring Semester: The last Monday in November  
      • Summer I Semester: The third Monday in April  

Paramedic:  • Fall Program: The third Monday in May

For more information
IRSC Information Call Center
1-866-792-4772

www.irsc.edu
IRSC OVERVIEW

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE is a public, comprehensive college serving Florida’s Research Coast with campuses in Fort Pierce, Okeechobee, Port St. Lucie, Stuart and Vero Beach. IRSC has earned a statewide and national reputation for quality, innovation and responsiveness to community needs, inspiring over 32,000 people to enroll in courses each year. Every aspect of IRSC is focused on enhancing student success with small classes, one-stop student services, convenient campuses and online courses, resulting in the College’s ranking as the 10th top public regional college in the South by U.S. News & World Report. Tuition is affordable, and IRSC students benefit from many opportunities for scholarships and Financial Aid. IRSC was designated as the “5th Most Affordable College” in the country by the U.S. Department of Education.

IRSC offers Bachelor’s Degree programs, Associate in Arts Degree programs for university transfer, Associate in Science Degree, Associate in Applied Science Degree and short-term certificate programs to prepare students for careers in science, technology, health care, business, industry, education, public safety and many other fields.

EMS Programs

The IRSC 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 the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

The Indian River State College EMT and Paramedic programs are approved by the Florida Department of Health (DOH), Division of Emergency Preparedness, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, EMS Program.
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Indian River State College
Emergency Medical Technician

THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) - Basic

The EMT performs basic life-support skills including: patient assessment, opening airways, restoring breathing, controlling blood loss, treating victims of shock, immobilizing fractures, bandaging wounds, childbirth assistance, treating heart attack victims, caring for poison and burn victims and transportation of patients. The EMT works for police, fire or rescue squads, private ambulance services and hospitals.

This 11-credit program follows the most current National EMS Education Standards. It is also in compliance with the State of Florida Statute 401 and the F.A.C.64J of the Florida Department of Health.

EMT PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All requirements must be complete for application consideration. Necessary forms can be found in the back of this booklet or on the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu.

_____ 1. Complete the Indian River State College Application for Admission online at www.irsc.edu.

_____ 2. Request high school, former school and/or college(s) to forward transcript(s) to the Admissions Office at IRSC. (Must be received by application deadline.) College transcripts must be evaluated by the application deadline for validation of competency and/or transfer of credit.

_____ 3. Attend an EMT/Paramedic Information Session offered every 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m., Health Science Center, Room H-114. Current information can be found on the IRSC website. Attendance must be validated on the Student Advisement form.

_____ 4. Must be 18 years of age.

_____ 5. Testing is waived for those students who have completed an A.A., A.S., A.A.S. Degree or higher from an accredited institution. All official transcripts must be on file at the IRSC Admission Office.

_____ A. Schedule to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.). Applicant must place into college level English, reading and math. P.E.R.T. scores are good for 2 years. The P.E.R.T. is waived for those students who have SAT and ACT scores at college level.

OR
_____ B. The TABE test can and will be accepted only for students pursuing certification in the Emergency Medical Technician program as their final career goal. For information on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) covering mathematics, reading and language, call (772) 462-7585 or toll-free 1-866-792-4772 ext. 7585. Applicants must score 12.9 in all areas. You must remediate in any subject falling below minimum requirement.

_____ 6. Read, sign and submit the EMT Performance Standards form to the Health Science office in H-308. (Form can be found in the back of this book).

_____ 7. Obtain CPR Certification - MUST BE American Heart Association, American Red Cross or American Safety and Health Institute CPR at the Professional Rescuer/Healthcare Provider level. No others will be accepted. Proof of certification is needed prior to provisional acceptance and should be submitted to the Health Science Office in H-308. (Card must be valid until the end of course.)

_____ 8. Complete the Health Science Application online at www.irsc.edu and pay the application fee. Fees are non-refundable.

_____ 9. Meet with an IRSC Academic advisor to complete the Student Advisement form and submit to the Health Science office in H-308.

EMT applicants are provisionally accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, pending successful completion of the checklist items above by the application deadline. Students will then be given instructions to conduct drug screening and background checks. When acceptable results from both screenings have been received, students will be notified through RiverMail of final acceptance and issued a permit to register. (Dual Enrollment Students are not eligible for clinical prior to high school completion and are therefore exempt from items A and B below.

Note: Do not proceed with drug/background screening or physical until notified.

_____ A. Submit a non-refundable check for $100 payable to IRSC to the Health Science Division Office (Main Campus, Fort Pierce, H Building Room 308) to cover mandatory drug screening and a national criminal background check (fingerprinting).

_____ B. Submit IRSC Physical Examination form complete with immunizations documented. (Go to www.irsc.edu. Click Programs & Careers and then Health Science Programs. In the Resources box, select Health Science Physical Examination and Immunization Form).

_____ C. Submit proof of personal health insurance.

Satisfactory results of these requirements must be on file in the Health Science Division Office before receiving final acceptance. Students will then be issued a final acceptance
letter through RiverMail with information regarding orientation to the program and registering for classes.

Indian River State College and partnering clinical sites require all health science students who register for clinical courses to have personal health insurance. Students will be asked to show proof of personal health insurance by presenting their insurance policy number, the name of the insurance provider and the telephone number of the provider to clinical preceptors or administrators. If students do not have health insurance or provide proof of health insurance, they will not be eligible for the program.

DUAL ENROLLMENT APPLICANTS MUST:

______ 10. Complete items from checklist on page 1.

______ 11. Be enrolled as a senior in the second semester of high school (Spring).

Note: Minimum entrance requirements for this program include a high school diploma or GED unless a high school student is dual enrolled. If dual enrolled, student must have the high school diploma or GED and be 18 years of age to participate in clinicals and sit for the state certification exam within 1 year of completion of EMS 1119C.

NOTE: Completion of the requirements on this checklist alone does not guarantee acceptance into the EMT program.

INTRODUCTION

The EMT program is offered through the IRSC Health Science Division. Contact Educational Services, any IRSC campus or the Health Science Office at 772-462-7550, or toll-free at 866-792-4772, x7550, for additional information.

NOTE: If at anytime during the application process you have a change of address or need to update other personal information, submit this information to the Educational Services Division and to the Health Science Division by supplying original documentation to be copied (e.g., driver license or adoption papers) in person or at any IRSC campus. This will expedite notification of acceptance status.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should carefully review the checklist items on page 1 and the procedures outlined in this booklet. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the process is complete.

It is the student's responsibility to see that admission requirements are met. No notices will be sent.
PROCESS FOR APPLYING ONLINE

1. Go to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu
2. Click Register & Pay
3. Sign in using your student I.D. and pin number
4. Go to Registration (gold menu bar) and select Health Science Application
5. Place a check mark in the “I Agree” statement.
6. In the Health Science Program box, select EMT Program.
   Application Deadline: this automatically fills in the program deadline date.
7. Select Submit. Select OK
8. Select Pay Fee Now and then PAY NOW
9. Select process for payment
10. Select $30 application fee
11. Enter credit card details
12. Submit Payment

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INFORMATION SESSIONS

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EMS Information Sessions are held at the Main Campus
   3rd Monday of each month
   Building H, Room 114
   4:00 p.m.

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES

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PRE-ADMISSION TESTING

P.E.R.T. Test

The State of Florida has selected a common entry placement test for all students beginning college course work. A computer adaptive test, commonly referred to as P.E.R.T., is untimed and is given in the Assessment Center on all IRSC campuses throughout the semester. The student reads the instructions and questions on a computer monitor and selects answers using the computer. If the student answers correctly, the computer selects a question from a large data bank which builds on the skill of the previous correct answer. If the student answers incorrectly, it selects a question of equal or lesser difficulty. P.E.R.T. provides information about reading comprehension, English and mathematics skill accomplishments. These tests help to determine the most appropriate courses for each student. Because these test scores determine initial course placement at IRSC, the test should be taken very seriously.

Cost

Students who do not have current test scores on file (2 years or less) will register for the full test battery (Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills, Elementary Algebra and optional College Level Mathematics) and pay a $10 fee. The student will register for the test at Student Services or at one of the IRSC campus offices. Main Campus students must pay fees at the Cashier’s Office, located in Crews Hall. The student will then take the validated receipt and photo ID to the Assessment Center in W-109 when he/she decides to take the test. A paid receipt is valid for one year. The tests will be administered based on space availability.

Test scores are valid for two years only.

If college level scores are not met, college prep classes must be taken.

CPR Certification

All EMT applicants must be certified as a CPR Health Care Provider or Professional Rescuer. A copy of the American Heart Association, American Red Cross card, or American Safety and Health Institute must be submitted to the Health Science Office in H-308. The card must be good through the end of the EMT program. The applicant will not be accepted without a valid CPR card.

DRUG SCREEN

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click Programs and Careers and then Health Science Programs. In the Resources box, select Drug/Background Checks.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click Programs and Careers and then Health Science Programs. In the Resources box, select Drug/Background Checks.
APPLICANT REVIEW

Final consideration for admission into the EMT program will be based upon receipt of official documentation related to the following criteria:

1. IRSC Admission Status must be complete (Dual Enrolled applicants are exempt).
2. Must have a High School diploma or GED (Dual Enrolled applicants exempt).
3. Must attend EMT/Paramedic Information Session.
4. Must be 18 years of age or older. (Dual Enrolled applicants are exempt).
5. Must take Postsecondary Education Readiness Test or TABE and achieve qualifying scores.
7. Must have an appropriate CPR Certification.
8. Must meet with academic counselor and complete pre-admission student advisement form.
9. Must complete drug test and criminal background check.
10. Must have Physical Exam form and immunizations documented.
11. Must provide copy of health insurance.

ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

EMT applicants are provisionally accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, pending successful completion of checklist items on page 1 by the application deadline. Students will then be notified through RiverMail to complete a drug screen and criminal background check for final acceptance.

Health/Medical Record

A completed medical health form must also be submitted and approved by the Program Director. This health record will contain results from a physical examination and laboratory tests including immunization records. The form is located on the IRSC website at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click Programs and Careers and then Health Science Programs. In the Resources box, select Health Science Physical Examination and Immunization Form.

Applicants who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for application to a Health Science program after resolution of the health problem. An updated health record, verified by a licensed physician, physician’s assistant or an ARNP must be submitted.

Indian River State College and partnering clinical sites require all health science students who register for clinical courses to have personal health insurance. Students will be asked to show proof of personal health insurance by presenting their insurance policy number, the name of the insurance provider and the telephone number of the provider to clinical preceptors or administrators. **If students do not have health insurance or do not provide proof of health insurance, they will not be eligible for clinic rotation which will result in termination from program. Personal health insurance may be purchased through the Health and Wellness Department. Call them at (772) 462-7825 for more information.**
Student Drug Screen, Background Check, and Medical Records

When submitted, these records will become the property of the College, and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers. Students who are out of the program for six months or more must submit new records.

COMPLAINT GUIDELINES

Refer to the IRSC Student Handbook/Planner.

NON-ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

Applicants who do not qualify for the program should remediate by calling the Academic Support Center (ASC) at (772) 462-7625, or call the Office of the Dean of Health Science (772) 462-7550 for clarification on how to strengthen their application.

EMT PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Selective Admission 11 credits

The EMT program consists of two co-requisite courses. Successful completion of the EMT program prepares the student to deal with pre-hospital emergencies in an efficient and competent manner. It also qualifies the student to take the Florida State EMT certification examination. Emergency Medical Technicians are vital links in the pre-hospital health care delivery system and must possess special qualities. These include responsible and dependable behavior under stress, dedication to duty, physical and mental well-being, and a commitment to assist those in need. Prior to clinical and rescue rotations, students must meet the personal appearance and grooming standards, immunization, and health requirements established by Indian River State College and affiliate agencies.

This program begins and ends each Fall and Spring semester. Summer courses are also held and will be conducted over either one or two summer semesters. Applicants may register for the classes through Educational Services or any IRSC campus after completing the specific requirements outlined in this booklet and receiving a “Permission to Register” letter from the EMS Department Chair/ Program Director.

Courses from the EMT program will articulate into the Emergency Medical Services A.S. Degree program.

For more information, visit www.irsc.edu. Click Programs & Careers and then Health Science Programs. Select EMT Program. In the Application Book box, select Program Schedule.

EMT PROGRAM EXPENSES

Visit www.irsc.edu. Click Programs & Careers and then Health Science Programs. Select EMT Program. In the Application Book box, select Program Expenses.
FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Aid (grants, loans, work-study) is not available for students who are seeking the EMT Applied Technology Diploma. Note that Financial Aid may be available for students enrolled in the Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree program in Emergency Medical Services Technology. Contact the IRSC Financial Aid Office at (772) 462-7450 or toll-free (866) 900-3243 (FAID) for further information.

Scholarships designated for students in the Health Science programs may also be available. Complete the new IRSC “STARS” ONLINE Scholarship Application, available at https://stars.irsc.edu/. The application deadline for IRSC Health Science scholarship is in May – visit www.irscfoundation.org (click on “scholarships”) for the updated application deadline date.

For more information regarding scholarships, contact the IRSC Foundation Office at (772) 462-4786, or toll-free at 1-866-792-4772, ext. 4786. Further scholarship information is also available online at www.irscfoundation.org (click on “Scholarships”).
## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

**Fall**

**Spring**

**Summer**

Name of Student: ____________________________ Date: ______________

PRINT NAME

All applicants must have this student advisement form completed by an Educational Service staff member or branch campus counselor or advisor by the application deadline date.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any **NO** responses to the questions below will prevent your application from being considered for selection into the program.

### HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS BEEN MET?

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In addition to the list above, the student has had the opportunity to discuss all related topics outlined in the EMT/Paramedic Application booklet, including program expenses, financial aid opportunities, time commitment to the program, etc.

Educational Services Staff: ____________________________ / ____________________________

Print Name / Signature

Student: ____________________________

Signature

Proof of information session attendance.

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EMT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FORM

Read the following requirements carefully. Place a check in the space provided if you are able to perform each requirement as stated. This document will become a part of your applicant file.

The applicant will be able to:

_______1. Record time in seconds, minutes and hours from a watch or clock.
_______2. Read, write, converse and comprehend in fluent English.
_______3. Listen to an individual speaking through a radio and be able to respond in an audible and intelligible manner. Listen through a stethoscope for breath sounds and blood pressure readings.
_______4. Lift and carry 100 lbs.
_______5. Handle stressful situations in a professional manner.
_______6. Interact with individuals and groups from a variety of social, cultural and economic backgrounds in a professional manner.
_______7. Walk and work in small spaces, various weather conditions and various physical environments.
_______8. Have the tactile and visual ability sufficient for physical assessment and performance of physical skills such as opening an oxygen tank and regulating the liter flow.
_______9. Follow written and/or verbal directions.
_______10. Manipulate and handle equipment such as a stretcher from floor to a height of 36 inches.

LATEX ADVISORY – Latex-based products are used in all health care facilities.

SIGN AND DATE
I, ___________________________________________, have read and understand the requirements listed on this form. I have placed a check mark by each requirement that I am able to perform.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________
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Paramedic Program Information
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Indian River State College
PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE

THE PARAMEDIC

The IRSC Paramedic Certificate program follows the National EMS Education Standards. The goal of the program is to provide the graduate with the knowledge, skill and professional attributes associated with an entry-level paramedic. Graduates are trained to prevent and reduce mortality and morbidity due to illness and injury. The program is also in compliance with Florida Statute 401 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Health.

The IRSC Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic program has as its goal “to prepare competent entry-level Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills) and affective (behavior) learning domains.”

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Note that this is a selective admission program. All requirements must be complete for application consideration. Necessary forms can be found in the back of this booklet.

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_____ 3. Attend an EMT/Paramedic Information Session offered every 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m., Health Science Center, Room H-114. Current information can be found on the IRSC website.

_____ 4. Meet with an Academic Advisor to review program requirements.

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Schedule to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.). Applicant must place into college level English, reading and math. P.E.R.T. scores are good for 2 years. The P.E.R.T. is waived for those students who have SAT and ACT scores at college level. For more information on the P.E.R.T. or to schedule an appointment, call (772) 462-7585.

_____ 6. Read, sign and submit the Paramedic Performance Standards form. (Form can be found in the back of this book).

_____ 7. Complete the Health Science Application online at www.irsc.edu and pay application fee. Fees are non-refundable.
8. Submit a copy of current State of Florida EMT card, current Florida driver license, current CPR Certification with application – MUST BE American Heart Association, American Red Cross or American Safety and Health Institute CPR at the Professional Rescuer/Healthcare Provider level. No others will be accepted. Proof of certification is needed prior to provisional acceptance and should be submitted to the Health Science Office in H-308. (All cards submitted must be valid through the end of the program.)

9. Successful completion of Anatomy and Physiology II (BSC 2094 and Lab) or Survey of the Human Body (BSC 1084). Acceptance into the program will be conditional upon completing with a “C” or better.

10. Meet with an IRSC Academic advisor to complete Student Advisement form and submit to Health Science office in H-308.

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Completion of the requirements on this checklist alone does not guarantee acceptance into the Paramedic program. Applicants are selected on a competitive basis.
INTRODUCTION

The IRSC Paramedic program is offered through the Health Science Division. All applicants enter this program through a Selective Admissions process. Contact Educational Services, any IRSC campus or the Health Science Office at 772-462-7550, or toll-free at 866-792-4772 x7550, for additional information.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should carefully review the procedures outlined in this booklet. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the process is complete.

Any candidate who wishes to be considered for the Paramedic program at Indian River State College must complete the procedures outlined on the checklist on page 15.

PROCESS FOR APPLYING ONLINE

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APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE

Fall Semester: The third Monday in May

Contact Information
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jdinsch@irsc.edu

PRE-ADMISSION TESTING

IRSC provides assistance in preparing for the entrance examinations. Tutorial service is available at the Academic Support Center (ASC). Call the ASC at (772) 462-7625 for their schedule.

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APPLICANT REVIEW

Students are selected on a competitive basis, and consideration for admission into the Paramedic program will be based on the following criteria:

1. Completion of admission/program requirements as listed on program checklist by deadline.
2. Experience in the emergency field including years of experience and experience as a paid member of an emergency or non-emergency ambulance service.
3. Experience as a volunteer EMT or first responder for an Advance Life Support service.
4. Experience as a health care professional in the hospital setting or as a lifeguard.
5. Grades on EMT class and Anatomy/Survey class
6. Additional courses toward A.S. Degree in EMS
7. Military experience
8. Additional coursework and/or degree courses relative to the EMS field, such as, phlebotomy, EKG, medical terminology, fire standards, pharmacology.
9. G.P.A.

Note: The EMS Department retains the right to interview applicants.

ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

Paramedic applicants are accepted on a competitive basis pending successful completion of checklist items on page 15 by the application deadline. Students will then be notified through RiverMail to complete a drug screen and criminal background check for final acceptance.

DRUG SCREENING

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click Programs and Careers and then Health Science Programs. In the Resources box, select Drug/Background Checks.
CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click Programs and Careers and then Health Science Programs. In the Resources box, select Drug/Background Checks.

Health/Medical Record

A completed medical health form must also be submitted and approved by the Program Director. This health record will contain results from a physical examination and laboratory tests including immunization records. The form is located on the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click Programs and Careers and then Health Science Programs. In the Resources box, select Health Science Physical Examination and Immunization Form.

Applicants who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for application to a Health Science program after resolution of the health problem. An updated health record, verified by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or an ARNP must be submitted.

Indian River State College and partnering clinical sites require all health science students who register for clinical courses to have personal health insurance. Students will be asked to show proof of personal health insurance by presenting their insurance policy number, the name of the insurance provider and the telephone number of the provider to clinical preceptors or administrators. If students do not have health insurance or do not provide proof of health insurance, they will not be eligible for clinic rotation which will result in termination from program. Personal health insurance may be purchased through the Health and Wellness Department. Call them at (772) 462-7825 for more information.

Student Drug Screen, Background Check, and Medical Records

When submitted, these records will become the property of the College and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers. Students who are out of the program for six months or more must submit new records.

NON-ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

Applicants who are not accepted into the program will be notified in writing. If you would like information on how to strengthen your application, call the Office of the Dean of Health Science (772) 462-7550.
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM CURRICULUM

This approximately ten-month, program is comprised of classroom, laboratory, hospital and ambulance rotations. The Paramedic program may be taken as a technical certificate (42 credits) or an A.S. Degree (73 credits).

The A.S. Degree in Emergency Medical Services provides the graduate with a strong general education and science background to enhance and expand the technical knowledge of the EMT and Paramedic Certificate programs.

**Those accepted into the program must be currently certified Florida EMTs.** Anatomy and Physiology is a prerequisite for the program. (Either BSC 1084 or BSC 2094 and 2094L.)

All core curriculum and Natural Science courses require a grade of "C" or higher. For more information visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click Programs & Careers and then Health Science Programs. Select Paramedic.

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM EXPENSES

Visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click Programs & Careers and then Health Science Programs. Select Paramedic Program. In the Application Book box, select Program Expenses.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

**Financial Aid** (grants, loans, work-study) is available to those who qualify. Complete the FAFSA and IRSC Supplemental Financial Aid Application to determine eligibility. For more information, contact the IRSC Financial Aid Office at (772) 462-7450 or toll-free at 1-866-900-3243 (FAID).

**Scholarships** designated for students in the Health Science programs may also be available. Complete the IRSC “STARS” ONLINE Scholarship Application, available at [https://stars.irsc.edu/](https://stars.irsc.edu/).

The **application deadline** for IRSC Health Science Scholarships can be found on [www.irscfoundation.org](http://www.irscfoundation.org) (click on “Scholarships”).

For more information regarding scholarships, contact the IRSC Foundation office at (772) 462-4786, or toll-free at 1-866-792-4772, ext. 4786. Further scholarship information is also available online at [www.irscfoundation.org](http://www.irscfoundation.org) (click on “Scholarships”).
Name of Student: ____________________________ Date: __________________

All applicants must have this student advisement form completed by an Educational Service staff member or branch campus counselor or advisor by the application deadline date.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any NO responses to the questions below will prevent your application from being considered for selection into the program.

☐ HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS BEEN MET?

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In addition to the list above, student has had the opportunity to discuss all related topics outlined in the EMT/Paramedic Application booklet, including program expenses, financial aid opportunities, time commitment to the program, etc.

Educational Services Staff: ____________________________ / ____________________________

Student: ____________________________

Proof of information session attendance.

Signature
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Questionnaire

When were you first licensed or certified as an EMT? Year ______

Are you currently working for an EMS, fire or healthcare agency? □ Yes □ No

If yes, for whom? ______________________________________________________________

Full-time, part-time or volunteer? _____________________________________________

List any educational courses, conferences or certifications in addition to the EMT course and attach copies (such as Fire, Police, ITLS or PHTLS, PEPP or PEARs, etc.)

__________________________________________________________________________

List any additional college courses or degrees: _________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

List any other medical/emergency background, military experience or other experience which you feel is relevant: ____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

List any community service activities in which you have actively participated within the last three years: ____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Are you being sponsored by an agency? ______ If yes, who is sponsoring you? ________

I have reviewed the program requirements outlined in the Health Science program Admission Booklet and understand that this does not guarantee admission into a program. I certify that the above information is correct, and I understand that falsification of information could lead to my dismissal if accepted into the program.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ___________________
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PARAMEDIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FORM

Read the following requirements carefully. Place a check in the space provided if you are able to perform each requirement as stated. This document will become a part of your applicant file.

The applicant shall be able to:

______1. Record time in seconds, minutes and hours from a watch or clock.
______2. Read, write, converse and comprehend in fluent English.
______3. Listen to an individual speaking through a radio and be able to respond in an audible and intelligible manner. Listen through a stethoscope for breath sounds and blood pressure readings.
______4. Lift and carry 100 lbs.
______5. Handle stressful situations in a professional manner.
______6. Interact with individuals and groups from a variety of social, cultural and economic backgrounds in a professional manner.
______7. Walk and work in small spaces, various weather conditions and various physical environments.
______8. Have the tactile and visual ability sufficient for physical assessment and performance of physical skills such as starting an IV and placing a tube in the trachea.
______9. Work a 24 hour shift without sleep.
______10. Perform math calculations using the metric and apothecary systems.
______11. Follow written and/or verbal directions.
______12. Manipulate and handle equipment such as a stretcher from floor to a height of 36 inches.

LATEX ADVISORY – Latex-based products are used in all health care facilities.

SIGN AND DATE

I, ________________________________, have read and understand the requirements listed on this form. I have placed a check mark by each requirement that I am able to perform.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________
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