
PARAMEDIC APPLICANT CHECKLIST

1. PRE APPLICATION PREPARATION

- Investigate the career by talking to current paramedics, current as well as former students
Visit the Tyler Junior College EMS Program website at www.tjc.edu/EMS and read acceptance criteria
Make sure you meet minimum paramedic program acceptance criteria before you begin the process
- Verify completion of any/all pre requisites
Organize your official documents such as transcripts, license related documents and cards
Consult state of Texas website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/certinfo for additional information pertaining to paramedic licensure
Investigate the cost of current tuition, textbooks, uniforms, supplies and housing (if applicable) and other program related costs found on the program website.

2. ADMISSION AND APPLICATION TO TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Visit the college admissions webpage at www.tjc.edu/apply
Complete and submit college application and any other admissions requirements
Investigate and secure financial aid, veteran's benefits, loans, etc.
Await notification of acceptance to the college BEFORE making application to the paramedic program

3. APPLY TO PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

- Complete the on line "Acceptance Application for Acceptance Based Programs" by the deadline. See application on line at http://www.tjc.edu/downloads/file/3251/application_for_fall_2015_enrollment
Complete Immunization and Health Record – download and print from this webpage
Gather documentation or obtain required vaccinations and or serological reports showing immunity. **See "Required vaccinations and documentation" on the reverse side of this page.**
Prepare for entrance exam, interview and Physical Agility and Strength Survey or "PASS"
Await notification to schedule your entrance exam, interview and PASS. The department will notify all candidates by official Tyler Junior College email. **TJC STAFF WILL ENROLL ALL STUDENTS.**

4. WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE INTERVIEW, EXAM AND PASS

- Photo identification
A change of clothes suitable for strenuous physical activity
Completed physical form
Copies of ALL required vaccination records and/or serological reports
Your valid BLS Healthcare Provider Card, VALID EMT license and/or VALID NREMT certification card

Await notification of acceptance to the program and additional information about the background check and drug screen. **Official notification will be via official Tyler Junior College email only.**

Required Vaccinations and Documentation

Students preparing to enter the paramedic program must provide documentation of immunizations and/or serological documentation of immunity for the following conditions. This documentation is required by the State as well as our clinical affiliates and is IN ADDITION to what you may have been required to submit for admission to Tyler Junior College. Use the list below to help you make sure you obtain the correct documentation.

Negative TB skin test within 12 months of the start of the program. **PLEASE NOTE** if the skin test is positive (for any reason) you must then provide evidence of a “normal” chest x-ray. If you have a documented allergy to the test and cannot have a skin test as a result of that allergy then you must also provide evidence of a “normal” chest x-ray.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) IGG Titer, lab reports are required¹

Varicella Zoster (chicken pox) IGG Titer, lab reports are required

*Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) booster given within 10 years of your application date. **PLEASE NOTE** if your booster is older than 10 years or you cannot find the record documenting the date of your booster you must provide a titer lab report as evidence of immunity.*

Hepatitis B series completion record (3 shots) OR signed declination form (can decline for religious or allergic reasons but this must be verifiable).

Hepatitis B Titer, Surface Antibody, if your original series was completed more than 5 years prior to your application date OR if you have recently finished the series to ensure you are immune (generally the titer is checked 60 days after the third injection)

*Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine (MCV4) shot record from physician OR titer laboratory results. **PLEASE NOTE**, as of Fall 2012, this is a requirement to enter any Texas college.*

*Seasonal Influenza Immunization – **MANDATORY**
Available in August for fall semester and is due on or before September 30th. Documentation of immunization must be included in the “required vaccination documentation” for spring semester program.*

10-panel urine drug screen with urine alcohol performed by program specified lab²

Criminal background check performed by program specified vendor³

This documentation is essential to your success and completion of the paramedic program. If you have questions about the acceptance of certain documentation items, contact the EMSP office BEFORE you submit your application. Otherwise, your application could be rejected.

¹The antibody titer is a blood test that detects the presence and measures the amount of antibodies within a person's blood. The amount and diversity of antibodies correlates to the strength of the body's immune response. In short, documents that you are immune to a particular illness.

²Information about completion deadline, expiration date and location for test given upon acceptance to the paramedic program

³ Information about completion deadline, expiration date and vendor given upon acceptance to the paramedic program

