Cleveland Clinic
School of Health Professions

Paramedic Education Admissions/Enrollment

2026-2027 Academic Year

Application Process

Akron General Cohort

The Paramedic Education Program at Akron General begins accepting applications December 31. The application deadline each year is May 1 to be considered for the Fall Semester start date. Please select 'Fall 2026' in the 'Anticipated Starting Semester' field of the application.

University of Akron Wayne College Cohort

The Paramedic Education Program at the University of Akron Wayne College begins accepting applications June 1. The application deadline each year is October 31 to be considered for the Spring Semester start date. Please select 'Spring 2027' in the 'Anticipated Starting Semester' field of the application.

Please note, if the application window of the Paramedic Education Program is closed it will not appear in the 'Program of Interest' list within the application. Applicants will only be able to submit their application when the application window is open.

Technical Standards

To be successful in the Paramedic Education Program, applicants and current students must meet the following technical standards with or without reasonable accommodation.

Sensory and Motor Skills - Students and candidates for program admission should be able to:

- Move and transfer patients in a safe manner
- Move clinical equipment in a safe and controlled manner
- Demonstrate basic clinical skills related to the use of extracorporeal equipment, circuitry, and ancillary clinical patient care devices and equipment

Communication - Students and candidates for program admission should be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in the English language
- Communicate clearly
- Produce and transmit patient information in oral and written format to members of the healthcare
- Communicate with patients effectively with compassion and empathy

- Demonstrate reading skills at a sufficient grade level to accomplish curricular requirements
- Provide effective care for patients

Intellectual - Students and candidates for program admission should be able to:

- Measure, calculate, interpret, analyze, question, compile and evaluate information from various modalities to effectively evaluate extracorporeal equipment and treat patients
- Comprehend spatial relationships of structures and models
- Comprehend relationships between patient care parameters and anticipate cause and effect responses based on their actions and inactions
- Learn through a variety of teaching modalities including classroom lecture, cooperative learning, small group activities, medical simulation and laboratory exercises, individual and group presentations, and the use of technology-assisted learning
- Make rapid decisions in life threatening situations where problem solving and critical thinking are required

Behavioral and Social Attributes - Students and candidates for program admission should be able to:

- Exercise good judgment, prompt completion of all responsibilities related to care of patients and participation in a patient care team
- Develop mature and effective relationships with co-workers and patients
- Perform problem solving skills in a timely manner
- Tolerate physically demanding workloads
- Function effectively under stress
- Adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in an environment of uncertainty inherent in the clinical practice of cardiovascular perfusion
- Practice in a safe manner
- Respond appropriately to emergencies
- Treat all patients, families, colleagues, and other members of the health care team with dignity and respect
- Demonstrate honesty, integrity, dedication, compassion and motivation
- Accept constructive criticism and respond appropriately with an acceptable modification of behavior

Observation - Students and candidates for program admission should be able to:

- Comprehend information presented in images from paper and projections such as PowerPoint slides and video
- Observe laboratory, lecture and clinical demonstrations
- Observe patients and members of the healthcare team accurately both at a distance and close up

Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants must meet the following criteria and submit the required documents by the submission deadline.

1. Be at least 18 years of age
2. Hold a valid Ohio driver's license
3. Maintain current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification from the American Heart Association (AHA), American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI), or American Red Cross (ARC)
4. Complete National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100 and 700 certifications
5. Hold active Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) status by meeting one of the following criteria:
    - Certification as an EMT in Ohio, or
    - National Registry EMT certification with active pursuit and completion of Ohio certification prior to the start of the program
    - Applicants are responsible for maintaining EMT certification throughout the duration of the program
6. Request one letter of recommendation from a work supervisor, or another individual familiar with the applicant’s ability to succeed as a paramedic.
7. Achieve a minimum score of 72% on the EMT portion of the pre-entrance examination
8. Provide proof of high school completion by submitting your high school diploma, GED, or official high school transcript
9. Meet the program’s anatomy and physiology requirement (see conditional admittance)
10. Submit a resume or curriculum vitae*

**While no minimum work experience is required, when applicants demonstrate equivalent qualifications and interview performance, relevant work experience may be reviewed and used as a factor in admissions decisions.*

All complete applications receive a full review before interview invitations are sent. Candidates who receive an interview will be evaluated on the effectiveness of communication, leadership skills and qualities, and motivation.

When an applicant repeats a prerequisite course, the program will consider the highest grade earned for admission and GPA calculations. For example, if a student initially earns an “F” and later earns a “C” in the same course, the program will use the “C” as the official grade for admissions/evaluation purposes.

Conditional Admittance

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification is required for enrollment into the program but will not be asked for at the time of application. Once officially accepted into the program, you will be prompted to upload your certificate to the Campus Cafe applicant portal prior to the start of the program. Training from the following provider(s) is accepted:

- American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support
- American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI)
- American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support

Failure to complete and submit valid certification before the first day of the program will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

If you have questions, please contact the Registrar at SOHPRegistrar@ccf.org for clarification.

Applicants must have a comprehensive knowledge of anatomy and physiology as an admissions requirement for the paramedic program. Applicants can complete this requirement in one of the following ways:

Complete a comprehensive college-level anatomy and physiology sequence, earning a minimum grade of “C” or higher within the last five years. Applicants can complete this by completing a **two-course sequence** (Anatomy and Physiology I and II)
OR
Complete a comprehensive single college-level Anatomy and Physiology course covering all body systems, earning a minimum grade of “C” or higher within the last five years
OR

Complete a comprehensive single college-level Anatomy course and a comprehensive single Physiology course covering all body systems, earning a minimum grade of “C” or higher within the last five years

OR

Completion of the Cleveland Clinic Anatomy and Physiology Modules before the start of the first day of the course. This option is completed 100% online and outside the paramedic course and tuition structure. Applicants are responsible for the costs associated with module enrollment. Applicants who do not meet the college level anatomy and physiology requirements should speak directly with the Program Director regarding steps to complete the Cleveland Clinic Anatomy and Physiology Modules before the start of the first day of the course.

Applicants are required to take the pre-entrance exam once accepted into the program, prior to the first day of class. If the applicant does not pass the pre-entrance exam with a 72% or higher, it will render the applicant ineligible to begin the program.

Admission Documents and Requirements

An applicant is required to complete the following items after submitting their initial application in Campus Cafe in order for their application to be considered. Please note that documents marked with an asterisk (*) are **not** considered during the evaluation of applications and will **not** affect an applicant’s eligibility or admission decision. They are required, however, for administrative purposes. To begin, please select ‘Spring 20XX’ in the ‘Anticipated Starting Semester’ field of the application for the Wayne cohort or ‘Fall 20XX’ in the ‘Anticipated Starting Semester’ field of the application for the Akron General cohort.

1. Submit your non-refundable $20.00 application fee payment in Momentus and upload a copy of your payment confirmation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.*
2. Complete the Paramedic Education Supplemental Application and upload the completed supplemental application form to your applicant portal in Campus café (Supplemental application found on the Admissions webpage).
3. Upload your Current American Heart Association (AHA), American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI), or American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.**
4. Upload a copy of your National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100 certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.

5. Upload a copy of your National Incident Management System (NIMS) 700 certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
6. Upload a copy of your valid Ohio driver's license to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
7. Upload a copy of your EMT certification to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
8. Upload a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
9. If the applicant's native language is not English, official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Duolingo English Test (DET) are required. Applicants must have a total minimum score of 75 with written and speaking sections no less than 17 for the TOEFL. A minimum score of 105 is required for the DET. Exam date must be within two years of the program's start date. If applicable, complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Duolingo English Test (DET) and upload a copy of your results to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
    - The English Proficiency exam cannot be waived based on prior learning or work experience. This policy ensures that all students meet the same standardized language requirements, which supports academic success and helps maintain fairness and consistency in the admissions process.
10. Request one professional recommendation letter. Recommendation letters are required to be submitted by the letter writer via email to EMSPrograms@ccf.org. The letters will be uploaded to your applicant portal by program administration.
11. Upload a copy of your high school diploma or GED. The program will also accept an official high school transcript in lieu of diploma.
12. Complete and successfully pass the pre-entrance examination. Please see additional information under "Pre-entrance examination" below. The applicant is not required to upload documentation to the applicant portal in Campus Cafe.

**The BLS certification is an admissions document that is required to be completed prior to the beginning of the program. Please see the "Conditional Admittance" section for more information.

All complete applications receive a full review before interview invitations are sent. Candidates who receive an interview will be evaluated on the effectiveness of communication, leadership skills and qualities, and motivation.

Any applicant providing the Paramedic Education Program with fraudulent information upon entrance or during the program will be dismissed from the Program and forfeit all tuition.

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Enrollment Documents and Requirements

If an applicant is accepted into the program the following items are required in order to enroll in the program. Please review the health requirements before submitting your documentation.

1. Complete and sign an Enrollment Agreement in Campus Cafe via DocuSign.
2. Complete a 10-12 panel urine toxicology screen and upload a copy of your results to your document portal in Campus Cafe.
3. Upload your negative tuberculosis (TB) test documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. The TB test must be completed within 12 months prior to the start of the program.
4. Upload your immunization documentation for chicken pox (varicella) or positive titer to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
5. Upload your immunization documentation for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe.
6. Upload your positive hepatitis B vaccination/titer or completed waiver to your applicant portal in Campus Café (Hepatitis B vaccination/titer waiver found on the Admissions webpage).
7. Upload your tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster documentation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. The booster is required within the past 10 years.
8. Influenza immunization documentation is required during flu season (November 1 through March 31). The applicant is required to upload documentation to the applicant portal in Campus Cafe if completing their application during flu season or will be required to obtain and submit documentation when the vaccination becomes available.
9. Complete the required onboarding tasks in SilkRoad. Onboarding will include a background check. Additional information will be provided following completion of the above items.
10. Request official academic transcripts. You are required to submit official transcripts if you have completed a college level anatomy & physiology course within five years of the program start date and earned a minimum letter grade of “C”. Applicants who have not completed a college level college level anatomy & physiology course should review the “Conditional Admittance language” for next steps. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) on a course-by-course basis. If applicable, upload a copy of your WES

transcript evaluation to your applicant portal in Campus Cafe. Once received, the transcripts will be uploaded to your applicant portal by program administration.

- Domestic transcripts can be submitted through one of two methods:
    1. Electronic (preferred): request delivery to EMSPrograms@ccf.org.
    2. Mail (all transcripts must be sent/received in a sealed envelope):

        Cleveland Clinic Akron General
        Paramedic Education Program
        Attention: Hugh Dodd
        1 Akron General Ave
        Akron, OH 44307

- International transcripts must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) on a course-by-course basis. Evaluations are a required component since they determine how your academics are graded compared to the U.S. education system. Be sure to follow the steps below to secure your credential evaluation:
    1. Applicants can create a WES account by visiting: https://applications.wes.org/createaccount/login/login
    2. Select the course-by-course evaluation option to ensure that your evaluation meets our requirements for admission review.
    3. To ensure that Cleveland Clinic receives an official copy of your evaluation, select ”Cleveland Clinic” from the drop-down on the “Select Recipient” page.

Pre-entrance examination

This comprehensive four-hour exam includes an EMT test, the Wonderlic Scholastic Level Exam, and a reading comprehension test. Please note that the components of the exam are subject to change. Any modifications will be communicated to all candidates at least two weeks prior to the examination. Applicants are required to achieve a minimum score of 72% on the EMT portion of the pre-entrance examination.