



Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

September 22, 2025

Kristie Fisher, PhD
President
Kirkwood Community College
6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Dear Dr. Fisher:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a recent Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accreditation decision for the program listed below. The CAAHEP decision was based upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

Program Sponsor: Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA

Program Name: Emergency Medical Services Professions-Paramedic

Accreditation Status Conferred: Continuing

Status Effective Date: September 19, 2025

Next Evaluation: 2030

Standards Version Used for Evaluation: 2015 Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in the Emergency Medical Services Professions

Standards Cited: N/A; No areas of non-compliance identified

CAAHEP accreditation does not expire. The accreditation status conferred is effective until another accreditation status is approved by the CAAHEP Board of Directors. The program listing on the CAAHEP website contains the most current information regarding accredited programs.

Approved satellite locations, if applicable, are in the program listing on the CAAHEP [website](http://www.caahep.org).

The CoAEMSP conducts comprehensive and ongoing quality reviews to ensure program compliance with the *Standards* and accreditation policies and procedures. Findings of non-compliance may lead to a change in accreditation status. Profession-specific CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines, Policies and Procedures, and more information can be found on our website, www.caahep.org.

The commission recognizes your organization's commitment to quality health professions education, as demonstrated by your participation in CAAHEP accreditation.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry S. Eckert', with a stylized, cursive script.

Barry S. Eckert, Ph.D., FASAHP
President

cc: Laura Green, OTR/L, MOT, Interim Dean
Dave Hunt, MPA, NRP, Program Director
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The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP), verifies that the following program

Emergency Medical Services Professions - Paramedic
Kirkwood Community College
Cedar Rapids, IA

is judged to be in compliance with the nationally established standards and
awarded Continuing accreditation on September 19, 2025.

Barry S. Eckert, Ph.D., FSAHP
President, CAAHEP

Michael J. Souter, MB, ChB, DA, FRCA, FNCS (ASA)
Chair, CoAEMSP



Congratulations on Achieving CAAHEP Accreditation!

Next steps for your program



Accreditation Process Assessment

The Program Director will receive a link to a survey regarding the CAAHEP accreditation process. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.



Find Your Program

Visit the *Find an Accredited Program* page on the CAAHEP website to confirm your information. Contact updates@caahep.org if you need to make a change.



Outcomes URL

CAAHEP Standard V.A. requires all programs to publish program outcomes. If you have a new or updated outcomes URL, please notify CAAHEP at updates@caahep.org.



Substantive Changes

As outlined in Appendix A of the Standards, programs must report substantive changes to the Committee on Accreditation (CoA) for their profession. Check with the CoA for details.



Publicizing CAAHEP Accreditation

CAAHEP requires institutions and programs to accurately report their accreditation status. Publication of a program's accreditation status must include the full name of CAAHEP and a link to the CAAHEP website. Visit the Programs tab on the CAAHEP website to:

- review the required accreditation statement that programs must use to publicize their accreditation
- download the CAAHEP logo and view guidelines for logo use by programs and sponsoring institutions

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[Your Institution's Name] Earns CAAHEP Accreditation, Demonstrating Quality in Health Professions Education

[City, State] — [Date] — [Your Institution's Name] is proud to announce that its [profession] education program has been awarded accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). This prestigious accreditation underscores [Your Institution's Name]'s commitment to providing high-quality education and training that meets the national quality assurance standards established by CAAHEP.

CAAHEP Accreditation Benefits Students, Employers, and the Public

CAAHEP accreditation offers significant advantages for students, graduates, and employers alike. For students, it ensures a high-quality educational experience that equips them with the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies essential for success in their chosen health profession. Graduates of CAAHEP-accredited programs are highly sought after by employers, opening doors to enhanced job opportunities and career growth. Additionally, many professional certification bodies require graduation from a CAAHEP-accredited program for eligibility to sit for certification exams—an essential step toward licensure and professional practice.

Employers can trust that graduates from CAAHEP-accredited programs are well-prepared to meet the ever-evolving demands of the healthcare field. These graduates bring a strong foundation of knowledge and practical experience, enabling them to deliver high-quality care and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Dr. Barry S. Eckert, President of CAAHEP, emphasizes the importance of accreditation: "Choosing a CAAHEP-accredited program is crucial for students seeking a career in allied health. It ensures that they receive an education that is both comprehensive and relevant to current industry needs, ultimately benefiting their future employers and people receiving care."

A Commitment to Excellence in Allied Health Education

At [Your Institution's Name], we are dedicated to fostering excellence in allied health education and are preparing the next generation of skilled healthcare professionals. For more information about our accredited [profession] program, please visit [website link] or contact [contact information].

About [Your Institution's Name]:

[Include a brief description of your institution, its mission, and any relevant achievements.]

Contact:

[Your Name]

[Your Position]

[Your Institution's Name]

[Phone Number]

[Email Address]

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