

at a glance



**Health**

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# Paramedic

Department: Health

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Entry time: Spring

Length: 2 years (5 semesters)

- The **Katz Family Healthcare Simulation Center** is an incredible learning environment where students are able to apply knowledge and skills in a variety of settings in which paramedics seek employment.
- The curriculum incorporates **state-of-the-art high fidelity simulators** to encourage skill development and promote the learning process for entry-level paramedics.
- With the **on-site functional ambulance**, students have the opportunity to run a call from dispatch, transport and patient delivery in our **simulated Emergency Room**.
- Paramedic students are able to perform as they would when employed in a **hospital setting**.
- **Personal computer tablets** are utilized in the classroom and lab/clinical setting to acclimate the students to the profession.
- In the course of study, students gain membership to the **National Association of EMTs**.
- **Kibbie Grant:** Students in this program may be eligible to have half their tuition paid for by the Kibbie Grant. Go to [www.kirkwood.edu/Kibbie](http://www.kirkwood.edu/Kibbie) for more details.

## Program Description

Paramedics provide the highest level of pre-hospital emergency care. They are allied health professionals whose primary focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system.

Students will learn to utilize critical thinking skills while simulating rapid assessment, treatment and stabilization of injured or ill patients. Class size is generally 15–25 students and incorporates extensive field training and clinical experience. Students not only gain necessary skills in the real environment, but also have the ability to gain connections for potential future employment.

## Career Opportunities

Ambulance services  
Fire departments  
Hospitals  
Law enforcement agencies

## Sample Classes

Emergency Medical Technician  
Paramedic Operations  
Cardiorespiratory Emergencies  
Paramedic Clinical  
Trauma Emergencies  
Medical Emergencies  
Paramedic Fieldwork  
Cardiorespiratory Prep

## Certification:

Upon successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to take the practical and written certification examinations leading to certification with both State level and National level certifications awarded.

## Accreditation:



Commission on Accreditation  
of Allied Health Education Programs

Kirkwood's Paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions.

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