

# PARAMEDIC

## Technical Diploma

**Program Code: 31-531-1**

**Total Credits: 39**

Mid-State's Paramedic program provides the knowledge and skills needed to work competently as an entry-level paramedic. Students enter a joint core course cohort with Paramedic Technician degree students. Graduates earn a technical diploma upon successful completion of this program. This program consists of classroom lectures, practical skills lab, laboratory simulations, and hospital and pre-hospital clinical experiences. Upon successful completion, you will earn certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Prehospital Trauma Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support and be eligible to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician written exam.

Mid-State's Paramedic program prepares students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examination, or licensure for other states.

To learn more about this program, visit [mstc.edu/programs](https://mstc.edu/programs).

### ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit [mstc.edu/advising](https://mstc.edu/advising).

### NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at [mstc.edu/apply](https://mstc.edu/apply).
- Send official transcripts to:  
Mid-State Technical College  
Student Services  
500 32nd Street North  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). Mid-State's Financial Aid team is available to assist with your FAFSA application and to answer your financial aid questions. Contact Financial Aid or schedule an appointment at [mstc.edu/financial-aid](https://mstc.edu/financial-aid).
- Set up student MyCampus account at [mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance](https://mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance).
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at [mstc.edu/advising](https://mstc.edu/advising).

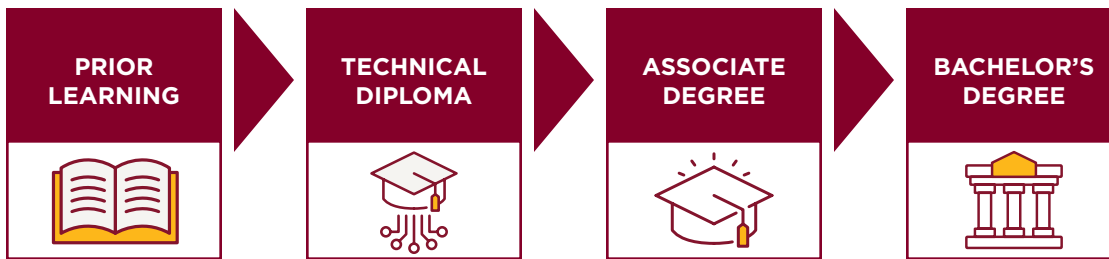
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## CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

**Begin at any point.**

### **Prior Learning**

#### **Credit for Prior Learning**

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at [mstc.edu/cpl](https://mstc.edu/cpl).

### **High School Credit**

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at [mstc.edu/dc](https://mstc.edu/dc).

### **Technical Diploma**

- Paramedic (39 Credits)  
Start Your Career: Emergency Room Technician, Firefighter/Paramedic, Paramedic

### **Associate Degree**

- Paramedic Technician (62 Credits)  
Start Your Career: Emergency Room Technician, Firefighter/Paramedic, Paramedic

### **Bachelor's Degree**

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit [mstc.edu/transfer](https://mstc.edu/transfer).

### **Other Options**

Related Programs: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Services Management, Fire Service Certification, Jail Officer Academy

## OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Paramedic graduate, to be able to:

- Prepare for incident response and EMS operations.
- Integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to provide appropriate patient care.
- Demonstrate paramedic skills associated with established standards and procedures for a variety of patient encounters.
- Communicate effectively with others.
- Demonstrate professional behavior.
- Meet state and national competencies listed for paramedic certification(s).

## TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Faculty will let students know when and how the TSA is being assessed in the program.

The Paramedic program contains the same core courses (10-531) as the Associate Degree Paramedic Technician program. Completion of the Emergency Medical Technician program is required prior to beginning the Paramedic Technician core courses.

Paramedic is a 1,150-hour program based upon the US Department of Transportation Administration/Wisconsin Bureau Local Health Support and EMS curriculum.

## ADDITIONAL ENTRY CRITERIA

To apply to the Paramedic program, please submit the following documents to Mid-State Admissions:

- Criminal Background Statement of Understanding and Release of Information form.
- A current Wisconsin EMT license.

**Mid-State Technical College • Admissions**  
**500 32nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A list of specific physical, emotional, and mental tasks needed to function as a paramedic is available at [mstc.edu/programs/paramedic](http://mstc.edu/programs/paramedic). Contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator in the Student Services & Information Center to receive assistance.

## CLINICAL-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Prior to placement at a clinical site, students need to pay for a criminal background check through a private vendor. Students will be required to provide documentation of required health work and current healthcare provider CPR certification via a Blackboard assignment. Students are responsible for ensuring all requirements remain current during program enrollment.

Clinical sites have the right to refuse a student's placement based on inadequate health records, pending charges, or conviction records. Students with a criminal history may not be able to complete clinical courses. Mid-State will make two attempts to place a student in an appropriate clinical experience. If Mid-State is unable to place the student after two attempts, the student will be withdrawn from the course and will not be able to advance in the program.

Prior to beginning a clinical experience in a health care agency or ambulance service, students must:

- a. Provide evidence of completion of the required health work.
- b. Hold a current State of Wisconsin EMT license.
- c. Hold a Department of Health Services EMS Training Center Training Permit at the paramedic level.
- d. Provide evidence of current CPR at the health care professional level by a CPR organization specified under s. DHS 110.17(1).
- e. Obtain the required uniform for clinical experiences.
- f. Assume responsibility for clinical assignment(s) regardless of time and location, including transportation and other personal arrangements.

## PROGRAM PROGRESSION

In order to maintain a passing status and progress in the Paramedic program, students must receive a grade of "C" or better in each of the paramedic core courses.

Failure to obtain a grade of "C" in any core course will prevent a student from progressing onto the next course in the sequence until they have retaken the course and achieved a grade of "C" or better.

This requirement also applies to the last class in the sequence, as a grade of "C" or better is required in all courses in order to retain eligibility to take the National Registry exam.

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit [mstc.edu/studenthandbook](http://mstc.edu/studenthandbook) to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State program students and is recommended to be completed before obtaining 12 credits. Some students are exempt from this requirement. Please see your academic advisor for more information.

## ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum placement scores.

### College Reading and Writing 1

**10831104**

**3 credits**

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

### Pre-Algebra

**10834109**

**3 credits**

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

## MULTIPLE MEASURES

Students can place into courses using high school GPA and completed classes. Placement can be determined in the following ways:

- **Multiple Measures Writing (MMW)**  
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school writing courses with a “C” or better
- **Multiple Measures Reading (MMR)**  
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school literature courses with a “C” or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 1 (MMM\_1)**  
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school math (Algebra 1 or equivalent) with a “C” or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 2 (MMM\_2)**  
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school math including Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 with a “C” or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 1 (MMS\_1)**  
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school lab science course with a “C” or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 2 (MMS\_2)**  
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school chemistry with a “C” or better

*Past high school and college transcripts are used in making course placement decisions.*

## SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

### Paramedic • 39 Total Credits

Term 20 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	10531911	EMS Fundamental	No	2
	10531912	Paramedic Medical Principles	No	4
	10531913	Patient Assessment Principles	No	3
	10531914	Prehospital Pharmacology	No	3
	10531915	Paramedic Respiratory Management	No	2
	10531918	Advanced Resuscitation	No	1
	10531955	Paramedic Cardiology 1	No	2
	10531959	Paramedic Clinical	No	2
	10890102	GPS for Student Success	Yes	1

Term 19 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	10531919	Paramedic Medical Emergencies	No	4
	10531920	Paramedic Trauma	No	3
	10531921	Special Patient Populations	No	3
	10531922	EMS Operations	No	1
	10531923	Paramedic Capstone	No	1
	10531956	Paramedic Cardiology 2	No	2
	10531957	Paramedic Field Experience	No	3
	10531958	Paramedic Field Leadership	No	1
	10531960	Paramedic Clinical/Field Prep	No	1

#### Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit [mstc.edu/cpl](http://mstc.edu/cpl) or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to [mstc.edu/schedule](http://mstc.edu/schedule).
- Get the latest updates online at [mstc.edu](http://mstc.edu).

### **Advanced Resuscitation**

**10531918**

**1 credit**

By teaching advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) and pediatric advanced life support (PALS) methodologies and protocols, this course prepares the paramedic student to integrate comprehensive knowledge of causes and pathophysiology into the management of shock, respiratory failure, respiratory arrest, cardiac arrest, and peri-arrest states. Emphasizes early intervention to prevent respiratory and/or cardiac arrest if possible.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **EMS Fundamental**

**10531911**

**2 credits**

Provides learners with comprehensive knowledge of EMS systems, safety, well-being, legal issues, and ethical issues, with the intended outcome of improving the health of EMS personnel, patients, and the community. Learners obtain fundamental knowledge of public health principles and epidemiology as related to public health emergencies, health promotion, and illness/injury prevention. Introduces learners to comprehensive anatomical and medical terminology with the aim of fostering the development of effective communications with colleagues and other healthcare professionals.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **EMS Operations**

**10531922**

**1 credit**

Provides paramedic students with the knowledge of operational roles and responsibilities to ensure patient, public, and EMS personnel safety.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **GPS for Student Success**

**10890102**

**1 credit**

Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes. This course is recommended to be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and is a graduation requirement unless you receive an exemption from your program advisor.

### **Paramedic Capstone**

**10531923**

**1 credit**

Provides students with a final opportunity to incorporate their cognitive knowledge and psychomotor skills through labs and scenario-based practice and evaluations prior to taking the National Registry written and practical examinations. Technical skills attainment (TSA) for each student will be compiled and/or documented within this course as required by the DHS-approved paramedic curriculum.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **Paramedic Cardiology 1**

**10531955**

**2 credits**

Provides basic knowledge to integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to formulate a field impression and implement the treatment for the patient with cardiovascular disease.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **Paramedic Cardiology 2**

**10531956**

**2 credits**

Teaches the paramedic student knowledge and skills to integrate assessment findings with principles of cardiovascular anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, and pathophysiology to formulate a field impression and implement a comprehensive treatment plan for a patient with a variety of cardiovascular complaints.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **Paramedic Clinical**

**10531959**

**2 credits**

Enhances learning through the practice of paramedicine in a healthcare environment. Learners will experience actual patients under the supervision of instructors or approved preceptors. Learners will also have the opportunity to participate in formal high-fidelity human patient simulator experiences as a part of this course.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **Paramedic Clinical/Field Prep**

**10531960**

**1 credit**

Enhances learning through the practice of paramedicine in a healthcare or field environment. Learners will experience actual patients under the supervision of instructors or approved preceptors.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

### **Paramedic Field Experience**

**10531957**

**3 credits**

Provides the opportunity to enhance learning through the practice of paramedicine in a field environment and through experiences with actual patients under the supervision of instructors or approved preceptors. Students may also have the opportunity to participate in formal high-fidelity human patient simulator experiences as a part of this course. Successful completion of this course requires the student to meet all clinical and field competency requirements at the paramedic level as defined by WI DHS EMS.

*Prerequisites: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311 and Advanced Resuscitation 10531918*

**Paramedic Field Leadership**

**10531958**

**1 credit**

Provides the opportunity to act as the field team leader in a field environment and through experiences with actual patients under the supervision of instructors or approved preceptors. Successful completion of this course requires the student to meet all team leader competency requirements at the paramedic level as defined by WI DHS EMS and the CoAEMSP.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

**Paramedic Medical Emergencies**

**10531919**

**4 credits**

Teaches the paramedic student to integrate assessment findings with principles of anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, and pathophysiology to formulate a field impression and implement a comprehensive treatment plan for a patient with a medical complaint.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

**Paramedic Medical Principles**

**10531912**

**4 credits**

Addresses the complex depth of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of major human systems while also introducing paramedic students to the topics of shock, immunology, and bleeding.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

**Paramedic Respiratory Management**

**10531915**

**2 credits**

Teaches the paramedic student to integrate complex knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology into the assessment to develop and implement a treatment plan with the goal of assuring a patient airway, adequate mechanical ventilation, and respiration for patients of all ages. Also provides specific knowledge pertaining to the respiratory system to ensure the student is prepared to formulate a field impression and implement a comprehensive treatment plan for a patient with a respiratory complaint.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

**Paramedic Trauma**

**10531920**

**3 credits**

Teaches the paramedic student to integrate assessment findings with principles of anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, and pathophysiology to formulate a field impression and implement a comprehensive treatment plan for an acutely injured patient.

*Prerequisites: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311 and Advanced Resuscitation 10531918*

**Patient Assessment Principles**

**10531913**

**3 credits**

Teaches the paramedic student to integrate scene and patient assessment findings with knowledge of epidemiology and pathophysiology to form a field impression. Uses a structured and organized assessment process that draws on knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, life span development, and changes that occur to the human body with time. Using this process students learn to develop a list of differential diagnoses through clinical reasoning and modify the assessment as necessary to formulate a treatment plan for their patients.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

**Prehospital Pharmacology**

**10531914**

**3 credits**

Provides the paramedic student with the comprehensive knowledge of pharmacology required to formulate and administer a pharmacological treatment plan intended to mitigate emergencies and improve the overall health of the patient.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*

**Special Patient Populations**

**10531921**

**3 credits**

Teaches the paramedic student to integrate assessment findings with principles of anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, and pathophysiology to formulate a field impression and implement a comprehensive treatment plan for patients with special needs. Also includes gynecological emergencies, along with special considerations in trauma.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Paramedic Technician program 105311 or Paramedic program 315311*