

Thank you for your interest in the 2024-2025 NCH Paramedic Program!

Please read this document and the attachments completely as they provide key information about applying for the paramedic class that starts in the Fall of 2024.

STEP 1: READ attachments **#2 2024 Harper College EMS Admission Requirements** and **#3 the Essential job functions for an EMS Clinician** thoroughly to determine your eligibility.

If you meet the **eligibility** requirements:

STEP 2 Pamela Ross (pross@nch.org or 847-618-4482) to open a file and **schedule an EMT Validation Exam test date.**

- **Testing is available by prior appointment only on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays** of the month at 9 AM from **February 13** until **June 18, 2024**.
Space may be limited as testing capacity is shared with System entry candidates. Call or e-mail early to schedule a date.
- **Submit to Pam prior to testing:** Completed **Supplemental Information form** (Attachment #4). It is a fillable document in Word format so you can open, type in your responses, save and return the form electronically.
Also attach copies of your IDPH EMT or AEMT license; current CPR card, and driver's license.

Test information:

- **Structure:** 100 multiple-choice questions written in a format similar to the NREMT exam. Treatment questions are keyed to the 2022 NWC EMSS SOPs available on the **NWC EMS System website:** www.nwcemss.org under the Standards of Practice tab.
See **Attachment #5 Preadmission Exam Blueprint F24** for the distribution of topics to be tested. **Please study using the blueprint as a guide - first-attempt scores count toward admissions placement!**
- **Timing:** One minute per question (100 minutes) is allowed to complete the exam.
- **Passing score: 80%.** If you score below 80% on the first attempt, one retake is allowed.

STEP 3: On the day of testing

- **Location:** NWC EMSS offices (NCH 901 Kirchoff Center) | **See Attachment #6 - Map** for location, parking, and building entry directions
- **Time to report:** 8:45 am
- Do not bring anything with you to the test environment other than two # 2 pencils.
You may not access or reference any electronic devices during the exam. All must be silenced and secured in a storage bag that can be placed on the floor. .

STEP 4: If you pass the Pre-entrance EMT Validation exam, you will be given information for filing an Application with Harper College.

General Course Information

- We usually accept 30 students per year depending on the number of clinical and field experience opportunities made available by our provider agencies and clinical sites. Unaffiliated applicants ARE NOT to seek out an affiliation relationship with ANY EMS agency. They are matched using a process defined in the System Pooled preceptor policy.
- **Class dates:** September 9, 2024 to June 11, 2025
- **Academic calendar and curriculum design:** Classes are generally conducted in the EMS classrooms at Northwest Community Hospital. Hospital clinical rotations are offered at each of the hospitals that are affiliated with the NWC EMS System. The field Capstone experience occurs at NWC EMSS Agencies that agree to host students. Participants are considered full-time students for the fall and spring Harper semesters and part-time for the summer semester. See the previous academic calendar posted to the EMS website for a template of the anticipated sequencing of courses.
- **Course tuition and fees** are set by Harper College per credit hour and NCH based on prerequisite requirements and are available upon request. All NCH paramedic students riding with EMS System member agencies are eligible for Harper College in-district tuition rates.

Admissions decisions: We do NOT have early, rolling, or advanced placement admissions. Class selection will occur in late June 2024 and applicants will receive e-mail correspondence from Harper College relative to their acceptance status. **NOTE:** For those NOT employed by an NWC EMS System Provider Agency and assigned to an NWC EMSS vehicle, **first-attempt exam scores and the date of Harper College application file completion are used to rank applicants for selection decisions into the program.** See the Harper College document for how admissions decisions are made.

Full information about our program is posted on the EMS System website: www.nwcemss.org under the Education tab. Please feel free to check us out at any time!

Let Pam know via e-mail if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

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