WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

PARAMEDIC
Certificate, 42 Credit Hours, 18-Month Program*

The Paramedic certificate at Western Dakota Technical College is available to participants that are currently certified and/or licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians at the state or national level. The Paramedic certificate student will experience over one thousand hours of training that entails didactic experience and a vigorous and stringent clinical program that will produce a pre-hospital caregiver that will meet the demands of society.

At the end of the paramedic certificate training and education the successful candidate will have the following: American Heart Association (AHA) – Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS); National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) – Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) as well as Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS). These courses aid in the successful candidate's approach to the national certification exam that will allow them to obtain the title of Paramedic.

Course	No.	Course Title	Credits
		Technical Requirements	
EMS	235	PARAMEDIC I	4
EMS	240	PARAMEDIC II	4
EMS	244	PARAMEDIC III	4
EMS	250	PARAMEDIC CLINICAL I	2
EMS	252	PARAMEDIC IV	4
EMS	255	PARAMEDIC CLINICAL II	4
EMS	258	PARAMEDIC V	2
EMS	275	PARAMEDIC INTERNSHIP	10
EMS	280	NREMT PREP	2
HC	114	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS**	3
HC	213	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I**	3
		Total	**42**

*Students must successfully complete the certificate requirements to sit for the National Registry Exam to become a Licensed Paramedic.

**Students must have an approved 3 credit Anatomy & Physiology and 3 credit Medical Terminology I course through an accredited post-secondary college before advancing into EMS courses.

Clinicals, practicums, and internships may include, but are not limited to, differential shifts (evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays) to meet industry expectations. This may require travel outside the Rapid City area.

If you are not a resident in the state of South Dakota, please be aware that licensing requirements vary from state to state. It is your responsibility to determine if your Paramedic testing results and status are valid in your state of residence, or the state in which you plan to practice as a Paramedic.

Professional licensure and certification requirements often vary from state to state. Educational requirements by state for this program can be found https://www.wdt.edu/degree-programs/paramedic/.

Required steps to obtain the credential for the Paramedic Program. (PDF).

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Semester Breakdown Certificate

Students must have an approved Anatomy & Physiology and Medical Terminology courses through an accredited post-secondary college before advancing into EMS courses		CR		First Semester		CR
HC 114	Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Professions	3	EMS 235	Paramedic I		4
			EMS 240	Paramedic II		4
HC 213	Medical Terminology I	3	EMS 244	Paramedic III		4
	Total Credit Hours	**6**		**Total Credit Hours**		**12**

	Second Semester	CR		Third Semester	CR
EMS 250	Paramedic Clinical I	2	EMS 275	Paramedic Internship	10
EMS 252	Paramedic IV	4	EMS 280	NREMT Prep	2
EMS 255	Paramedic Clinical II	4			
EMS 258	Paramedic V	2			
	Total Credit Hours	**12**		**Total Credit Hours**	**12**

If you are or have been convicted, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or certain misdemeanors, you are advised that you may not be able to complete all course requirements for your chosen program, you may be prevented from taking required certification/licensure examinations in your chosen program field, and you may be prevented from gaining employment in your program field.