

Roane State Community College Paramedic Program

General Admissions Information

Applicants must follow these procedures to be considered for admission to the Paramedic program:

1. Apply and be admitted to Roane State Community College
 - Go to the Roane State website and click on the "Apply Now" tab
 - Follow steps 1 and 2
2. Once you have been accepted to Roane State, apply to the Paramedic program using the Allied Health Sciences Application
 - Go to the Roane State website and click on "RaiderNet" at the top of the page
 - Log in to RaiderNet using your Roane State user name and password
 - Scroll down and click on "Apply for a Health Science Program"
 - Choose "AHS Certificate Programs" (or "AHS Certificate Program Spring" if applying for the spring semester)
 - Complete the application (choose Paramedic as the planned course of study)
3. The Allied Health Sciences Application described above must be completed by the following deadlines:
 - **Fall Admission: June 15**
 - **Spring Admission: October 31**
4. To be eligible for the Paramedic program you must hold a current State of Tennessee AEMT license.
5. To be eligible for the Paramedic program you must ALSO meet at least ONE of the following criteria demonstrating college-level reading ability:
 - Successfully complete a college class that requires college-level reading ability (Most English, humanities, history, and social sciences courses)
 - Earn an ACT reading score of 19 or higher (completed within the past 3 years)
 - Score at least 83 on the reading section of the COMPASS college placement test
 - Score at least 85 on the Accuplacer college placement test
 - Score at least 250 on the Accuplacer NG college placement test
 - Successfully complete any required reading learning support classes
6. Eligible candidates will receive information **via RaiderNet email** regarding the required entrance exam and interview. The email will contain the dates of the exam and interview as well as information on how to sign up for each.
7. Applicants to the Paramedic program will be evaluated in three areas and points will be awarded in each area. The three areas are:
 - College-level reading ability
 - Paramedic entrance exam
 - Paramedic interview
8. A 5-point scale is used in each of the three areas. The scores from all three areas are then averaged to provide the applicant with an overall composite score. The composite score is used to rank applicants.

9. Points are awarded based on the following criteria:

▪ **College-level Reading Ability**

Points Awarded	College	Accuplacer	Accuplacer NG	ACT Reading	COMPASS
5	College class requiring college-level reading	115 - 120	291 - 300	30 - 36	98 - 99
4.5		109 - 114	283 - 290	27 - 29	95 - 97
4		103 - 108	275 - 282	25 - 26	92 - 94
3.5		97 - 102	267 - 274	23 - 24	89 - 91
3		91 - 96	259 - 266	21 - 22	86 - 88
2.5	Reading Learning Support Course	85 - 90	250 - 258	19 - 20	83 - 85

▪ **Paramedic Entrance Exam**

Points Awarded	Entrance Exam Score
5	94 - 100
4	88 - 93
3	82 - 87
2	76 - 81
1	70 - 75
0	0 - 69

▪ **Paramedic Interview**

Candidates will be interviewed by a panel consisting of six to twelve individuals. Candidates will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Professional appearance
- Level of knowledge
- Poise and professionalism
- Communication ability
- Level of maturity and motivation

A score of 0-5 will be given in each area by each panel member. All scores will be averaged for a single interview score for each candidate.

****Advanced Placement, Experiential Learning and Transfer of Credit.**

1. *Advanced Placement and Experiential Learning (prior learning assessment)*
There is no advanced placement or experiential learning (prior learning assessment) opportunities available for paramedic students at Roane State Community College.
2. *Transferring Paramedic Students*
Students wishing to transfer paramedic credits must meet RSCC general admission requirements. Paramedic Program admissions requirements must also be met. A letter of recommendation including evidence of clinical and lab competency must be submitted from the director of the previous paramedic program and/or complete a competency examination (didactic and psychomotor) at RSCC. The student must be eligible to progress in their

previous program. Candidates meeting these requirements will be evaluated for transfer on an individual basis. Candidates wishing to have their paramedic credits transferred must submit a transfer request within 2 years of completion of coursework.

- 10. Beginning approximately one to two weeks after the completion of the entrance exam and interviews,** the top group of eligible applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program. (All other eligible applicants will be notified of their status as alternates.)
- 11. Notification of acceptance will be sent through RaiderNet email only.**
- 12.** Applicants selected for the Paramedic program must confirm their acceptance per the directions provided in the acceptance email.
- 13.** Failure to respond by the deadline provided in the acceptance email will result in the applicant being moved to the bottom of the alternate list.
- 14.** Alternate applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program on a space-available basis.
- 15.** Once an applicant confirms his or her acceptance, another email will be sent via RaiderNet informing the applicant how to register for the appropriate classes.
- 16. All official communication from Roane State Community College is sent via the RaiderNet email system.**

It is strongly recommended that you check your RaiderNet email regularly (meaning at least once a week, every week) for any communications from the admissions coordinator, program staff, or other Roane State departments.