

Paramedic Technician Program

Western Technical College

Supplemental Information

- **Course Sequence and Delivery.** The Paramedic Technician program is an Associate Degree program and consists of the Paramedic core classes along with 27 credits of General Studies courses. Western offers the Paramedic Technician (core classes) as a full-time course consisting of three terms with classes offered during the day. This is a very condensed program designed for students that can dedicate 100% of their time towards the program.

The Paramedic Technician program is located at the Sparta Public Safety Training Center, and all core Paramedic classes will be held at that facility. General Studies classes can be taken in La Crosse or wherever offered.

- **Reliable Transportation.** Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical.
- **Clinical and Fieldwork.** In addition to clinical and field grades, Paramedic program students must obtain both minimum hours and competencies in clinical and field settings.
 - Paramedic Clinical/Field 1 = 180 hours
 - Paramedic Clinical/Field 2 = 288 hours

Although there is an hour assignment to the clinical and field components, students must meet the State of Wisconsin minimum competencies for each skill and assessment. If a student has not met the required competencies in their required hours of clinical or field experience, he/she will have to do additional clinical or field experience until the competencies are met.

COVID vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccination is not required to attend classes at Western Technical College, however your clinical site now requires proof of completion of COVID-19 vaccination to attend their sites. To prevent any interruption in your clinical classes, we are now requiring you to provide us with your COVID-19 vaccination proof to enter this program.

- **State Licensure.** Upon successful completion of the Paramedic program core courses, student shall be eligible to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians practical and written tests to obtain licensure as a Paramedic within the State of Wisconsin. The National Registry examination used for licensure in the State of Wisconsin consists of both a written and practical test.
- **Additional expenses**
 - Stethoscope
 - Penlight
 - Trauma shears
 - Uniform as required by Western Technical College for classroom, clinical and field experience
 - Transportation costs incurred for travel to and from clinical sites
 - National Registry Written Exam (\$152.00 – subject to change)

- Wisconsin Practical Exam Testing Fee (\$300.00 – subject to change)
- **Body Art and Piercings.** In the Health & Public Safety Division, a student may display no body art or piercing that might be considered offensive. Most employment settings have policies that are generally broad; however, they do reserve the right to deny employment and student clinical/practicum/fieldwork placement if body art or piercings are found to be offensive to those in that setting.
 - The wearing and displaying of jewelry in the health care or public safety setting is generally limited to wrist watches and wedding rings or small non-dangling earrings. The purpose of this limitation is related to infection control, safety and public perception of the employees while they are on duty.
 - If a Western student has significant visible body art and/or piercings, we are unable to guarantee that the student will be able to be placed for the multiple clinical/practicum/fieldwork experiences that most programs require. You may be asked to cover the body art with clothing or dressings or remove the piercings in order to complete your rotation. If your program has a more restrictive policy on body art or piercings, it will be enforced. It is your decision whether or not to enter the program based on the uncertainty of being accepted at those sites.
- **Program Faculty.** If you have specific questions about the program or your particular situation, please contact the Paramedic program faculty directly.

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My signature below signifies that I have read and understand the supplemental information regarding the Paramedic Technician program presented above. I understand that these are important highlights and that I will receive more information at my program orientation and during my course of study. I am also aware that this information is subject to change at any time.

Student Signature

Date

Enrollment Advisor/Counselor Signature

Date