

Paramedic Program Information

Professional Information

The primary focus of the **Paramedic** is to provide advanced life support medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. In the state of North Carolina, students must be 18 years of age to be eligible to participate.

Fall Class Offerings

Section	Location	Start Date	End Date	Class Days	Class Times
Part I - TBD	OCC	August	February	Monday/Wednesday	8 AM – 5 PM
Part II - TBD	OCC	February	May	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	8 AM – 5 PM
Part III - TBD	OCC	May	August	Clinical/Field Internship	Varies
Cohorts begin in August – No advance placement available					

Fees & Expenses

Course Fees (Paid at Registration)		Course Expenses (Purchased Individually)	
Tuition (total of parts I, II, and III)	\$540.00	Shield Screening Account	\$105.00
Student Fees	\$11.25	Platinum Planner Paramedic	\$95.00
Laboratory & Supply Fees	\$500.00	EMS Testing Paramedic	\$105.00
DTCC T-Shirts (x2)	\$18.00	Sanders' 6 th Edition Paramedic Textbook + JBL Learning Package	\$679.62
Insurance	\$16.00	The Only EKG Book You'll Ever Need – 10 th edition – Malcom Thaler	\$79.00
Card Fees	\$15.00	Pharmacology for the Prehospital Professional – 2 nd edition – Jeffrey S. Guy	\$84.00
Total Cost of Paramedic Program	\$1100.25	Trauma Shears	\$10.00
		Black Safety Boots	\$100.00
		Black EMS Belt	\$15.00
		Black Uniform Pants	\$75.00
		Total Books & Supplies (Estimated; prices may vary)	\$1347.62

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Textbook & Course Material Information

1. **Platinum Planner Paramedic**- \$95.00 (*Sign-Up Instructions will be sent out with welcome letter once students are registered*)
2. **EMS Testing Paramedic** - \$105.00 - (*Sign-Up Instructions will be sent out with welcome letter once students are registered*)
3. **Sanders' AAOS Paramedic Textbook, 6th Edition** – ISBN – **1284277534** *Price varies- students can purchase the book new, used, or rent. They can choose to purchase physical or eBook, or both. They can choose to purchase the online supplemental course materials or not.*
4. **The Only EKG Book You'll Ever Need – 10th Edition** – ISBN – **1975196058** *Price varies- students can purchase the book new, used, or rent. They can choose to purchase physical or eBook, or both. They can choose to purchase the online supplemental course materials or not.*
5. **Pharmacology for the Prehospital Professional, 2nd Edition** – ISBN **1284041468**

Application Process

<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend a mandatory information session prior to registering for course. 2. Apply for the Paramedic Program. Applications are due no later than July 15. https://paramedic.apply.durhamtech.edu/
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Take Anatomy & Physiology <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bio 168 & 169 (must have BOTH) b. Bio 163 c. EMS 3163A A&P for Paramedics d. Other previously taken Anatomy & Physiology will be assessed on a case-by-case basis
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Visit <u>CastleBranch</u> and place your order (\$125.00). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Upload all Medical Requirements to Shield Screening <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Durham Tech EMS Student Medical Form ii. Varicella <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of 2 vaccines OR positive antibody titer iii. Hepatitis B Vaccine <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of 3 vaccines OR positive antibody titer OR Declination Waiver iv. Tuberculosis test <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 Consecutive TB skin test (1-3 weeks apart) OR 2 Annual TB skin tests (10-12 months apart) OR Negative QuantiFERON Gold test OR Negative T-spot test v. Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis (TDaP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administered in last 10 years vi. Polio <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of 3 vaccines OR positive antibody titer vii. Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of 2 vaccines OR positive antibody titer viii. Influenza (only available during peak flu season) ix. Health Insurance Card

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>5. Once all submissions in Shield Screening are completed, including drug screen and background check (as noted within your Shield Screening account) collect required education documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proof of post-secondary degree (AS, BS, BA, MS....) OR b. Submit proof of High School Diploma or GED – PLUS one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NCDAP, ACT, SAT, HiSET, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, or ASSET scores from the last 12 months that show proof of acceptable scores for Math and English ii. College transcript showing successful completion of a college level English (ENG 111) or higher and completion of a college level Math iii. Demonstrate mastery on RISE English placement Tier 2 OR Successfully complete ENG-002 through Tier 2 (grade of P2) AND RISE Math placement Tier 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>6. Make copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current copy of NC or NREMT EMT certification b. Current Copy of AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>7. Submit a completed Public Safety Registration Form (email ems@durhamtech.edu to request a form when your Shield Screening is complete) along with education documents, EMT card and CPR card to the EMS Program, by email to ems@durhamtech.edu, or by fax: 919-536-7297.</p>

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Durham Tech EMS Admissions Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How quickly do I need to decide about taking a paramedic class?

A: The sooner the better! We typically cap this course at 20 students. We enroll students on a first-come first-serve basis, as they complete their prerequisites. Classes will fill quickly. Please start the registration process as soon as you can! Shield Screening could be completed prior to the opening of registration. Be aware of registration deadlines. All items must be turned in by the deadline. Priority goes to those who currently hold the EMT certification. Students who are in the process of completing the testing process will be placed on the waitlist and only allowed admission if spots are still available.

Q: I know that I am not going to be available for a portion of the scheduled courses. Is that ok?

A: Maybe. We do have a rule that you may only miss 10% of the scheduled course time. Missing more than 10% in any **section** of the class would result in an automatic "No Grade" or "F" and you would need to repeat the course. This is a state requirement. You also **MUST** be present for the first day of class and for the scheduled final testing.

Q: How much time commitment is paramedic class?

A: It is a 660-hour long course, and requires a minimum of 528 hours of clinical shifts outside the scheduled classes. In all, you will spend more than 1,191 hours in class or on shift over the course of the semester. Remember, for every hour you spend in class, we expect that you will spend 2-3 hours outside of class studying. In short, it is a HUGE commitment.

Q: What can I expect in terms of exams and grading for paramedic class?

A: On the continuing education side, it is Pass/Fail. On the curriculum side, you will be assigned a grade that WILL count towards your college GPA. Either way, you are expected to maintain an 70% average, pass all Module Exams with 70% or better, and pass the final with a 70% or better. A final course grade of 70% or above will be considered a passing grade. If your final grade is below 70%, you will have to retake the class. This is not an easy class.

Q: What are the requirements for the Covid vaccinations?

A: Covid vaccinations are no longer required of our students currently. Our clinical sites dictate the need for the Covid vaccinations.

Q: Do you really need me to get TWO TB Tests?

A: Yes. We follow the CDC recommendations for Healthcare Professionals (because you will be working in the hospital and the field, and interacting with real patients). You must show proof of TWO negative TB skin tests. Have one placed, have it read in 48-72 hours. Wait 2-3 weeks. Have another one placed, then read in 48-72 hours. Upload documentation for BOTH to Shield Screening. (If that sounds cumbersome to you, you may also get a blood test called the QuantiFERON Gold test. Check with your doctor to see how expensive that will be. If you are

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already a healthcare provider, we can accept one of your annual TB tests, if it is within 12 months. You would just need to have one more placed and read.)

Q: How do I upload my vaccination records to Shield Screening?

A: All you need to do is get all your records, scan them to a PDF or take a LEGIBLE picture of them, and upload them. Please note that your paperwork will get rejected if you don't upload the right vaccine documentation to the right place in Shield Screening. Oftentimes, students get a vaccination record from their doctor or the health department that shows ALL vaccinations on one document. If that is your case, you will need to upload that same document to EACH of the places in Shield Screening. For example, if you have one PDF that shows your childhood vaccines (MMR, Polio, TaP, Varicella, Hep B), upload that same document FIVE times. We know that seems silly, but it will save you from getting your documents rejected.

Q: How do I complete the Medical Form in Shield Screening?

A: Download the form from Shield Screening, and have your doctor fill it out. If you have a Primary Care Provider who gives you an annual physical and is willing to attest to your health, they may fill it out. Otherwise, you will need to get a physical exam. Places like CVS Minute Clinic will do this, if you do not have a doctor you regularly see for Primary Care.

Q: How do I complete my Drug Test in Shield Screening?

A: Download the Drug Test form from Shield Screening. Look up the location for one of their participating labs, and go to the most convenient one. DO NOT go to your doctor and ask for a drug test. It will not count! You must use a lab that has an agreement with Shield Screening, and must take the form you downloaded. The price is included in the cost of your Shield Screening account.

Q: What if I already have a Shield Screening account?

A: Shield Screening will be valid for one year. If you have completed an EMT class with Durham Tech, you will be able to apply this to your next course. It may be required to complete the flu shot documentation for the current year. Direct specific questions to the program director.

Q: How should I submit my education documentation?

A: Please submit your educational documents to us directly, with your registration form. As a prerequisite, you need to demonstrate that you have college-level reading and math skills. See the Program Information for full details of what documentation we accept. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted. This information should be sent to ems@durhamtech.edu.

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Criminal Background Screening, Drug Test & Vaccination Introduction:

Students will receive TWO separate registration links:

1. Shield Screening link for the drug test & criminal background check
2. i3screen Vaccination Management registration link.

Please contact your school administrator if you have any questions or concerns.

Step 1: Registration & Information Submission

- Students receive secure links to fill in their personal details. After submission, they will receive a drug test authorization (e-passport) via email for a partnering clinic location near them.

Background Criminal registration email: automation@instascreen.net

Drug Test e-passport email for clinic testing: donotreply@escreen.com

Step 2: i3 Vaccination Verification

- Students will receive an email from i3screen with registration instructions.
- Students must upload required vaccination documents for review.

Vaccination Management email: durham@i3screen.com

Step 3: Document Tracking & Follow-Ups

- Students should monitor their portal and email account for any missing or additional document requests related to vaccination, drug screening, or background check.

Step 4: Background Check Completion & Final Verification

- Once the background check is finalized, the school will review the results.
- The students will either pass or fail based on the school's requirements.

If additional action is needed, the school will communicate next steps

***You will not be able to access i3 Screen to upload documents until your background check is completed and approved.**

SHIELD SCREENING/i3 SCREEN ARE THIRD-PARTY SERVICES THAT PARTNER WITH DURHAM TECH. IF ANYTHING IS WRONG WITH YOUR ACCOUNT, YOU MUST CONTACT SHIELD SCREENING FOR ASSISTANCE. DURHAM TECH DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THESE ACCOUNTS, WE CAN ONLY VIEW THEM.

CONTACTS ARE BELOW:

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Questions for Shield Screening/i3 Screen

Vaccination Management Support (Vaccines, Titers, MMR etc)

- When to Call:
- Document uploads
- Vaccination & Immunization inquiries
- Technical Support
- EMAIL: customer@i3screen.com
- PHONE: 877-585-7366 OPT: 4

Background Screening Customer Support

- When to Call:
- General Statuses
- Disputes
- Technical Support
- EMAIL: customercare@shieldscreening.com
- PHONE: 800-260-3738 OPT: 2

Drug Testing Support

- When to Call:
- General Statuses
- Scheduling inquiries or changes
- Technical Support
- EMAIL: drug@shieldscreening.com
- PHONE: 800-260-3738 OPT: 2