



2023

EMS Academy

Application Packet

Division of Workforce Development

Emergency Services Programs

Thank you for your interest in Western Piedmont Community College's EMS Academy. This EMS Academy functions in coordination with Burke County EMS to provide non-credentialed individuals and personnel a pathway to obtaining their paramedic certification.

During the EMS Academy students will gain the appropriate knowledge, skills, and behavior, under medical oversight, while utilizing the most up-to-date evidence-based practices to learn to serve as the first link in a dynamic healthcare system. Graduates of the EMS Academy will be eligible to take both state and/or national certification exams. There are a wide variety of employment opportunities including ambulance services, fire and rescue agencies, specific hospital services, and government agencies.

WPCC EMS Academy is a unique opportunity to be employed by a local EMS agency prior to receiving any EMS credential. The academy student will have a greater opportunity to obtain EMS skills in both the real-world setting and in the classroom. WPCC and BCEMS both feel that this type of course delivery has the opportunity to create a well-rounded entry-level paramedic while also meeting the staffing needs of the local EMS agency.

Western Piedmont Community College's minimum expectation goal is to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive(knowledge), psychomotor(skills), and affective(behavior) domains with or without exit points at the AEMT, EMT, or EMR levels.

There are three portion to this application process:

1. WPCC EMS Academy Application
2. Burke County EMS Application
3. Burke County EMS Interview and Selection

All steps must be completed to be allowed final entry into the WPCC EMS Academy and to be employed by Burke County EMS. You will be guided through each step of the application process by both WPCC and BCEMS staff. Should you have any questions feel free to direct those to the WPCC Emergency Services Program Director, Paramedic Program Director, or BCEMS Training Major.

2023 WPCCC EMS Academy General Information Sheet

Who: Persons interested in becoming an entry-level paramedic

What: EMS Academy – The academy will be broken into two sections and students may register for either or both sections depending on their needs. Health and Wellness training will occur regularly throughout the academy.

EMS Academy Includes:

- Initial EMT
- Initial Paramedic
- EMS Basic Anatomy and Physiology
- HazMat Operations
- EVOC
- TIMS
- ACLS
- PALS
- CPR

When: January 9, 2023 – December 15, 2023

Where: Foothills Higher Education Center

WPCCC Emergency Services Training Center

Prerequisites:

- Must be 18 prior to completion of EMT portion of class - if you are currently 17, please discuss in more detail with the paramedic program director
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent
- Successful completion of an entrance exam assessing basic reading comprehension and English language writing skills on a post-secondary level
- Successful completion of an entrance exam assessing mathematical skills at the post-secondary grade level

Admission Policies

For students seeking admission to the paramedic programs at WPCCC, ALL of the following criteria must be met and approved by the Paramedic Programs Director.

- Must be 18 years of age prior to the start of clinical (EMS Academy students should discuss with paramedic program director)

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Placement testing with reading, English language comprehension, and mathematical application and comprehension on the post-secondary level. Proof of completion of college-level English and/or college-level Math may be accepted upon approval of the Paramedic Programs Director. Individual requirements are listed below.
- Possession of a valid and active North Carolina EMT Credential, NREMT or other state EMS credential prior to the start of clinical rotations
- Co-Requisite: Successful completion of an approved Anatomy and Physiology Course (discuss with the Paramedic Programs Director)
- Due to class entry and admissions complexity, walk-ins will not be accepted

2023 EMS Academy Costs

Estimated Cost	EMT		Paramedic	
	Sponsored	Not-Sponsored	Sponsored	Not-Sponsored
Tuition	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$360
Textbooks	\$0	\$59.99	\$0	\$464.12
MyBradyLab	\$0	\$119.99	\$0	\$119.99
Insurance	\$15	\$15	\$30	\$30
Uniforms(including boots)	\$0	\$450	\$0	\$450
Additional Fees	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$150
EVOC	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$180
TIMS	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$180
HazMat	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$180
Anatomy & Physiology	n/a	n/a	\$0	\$180
A&P Textbook	n/a	n/a	\$0	\$146.65
AHA Classes	n/a	n/a	\$30	\$30
Total	\$15	\$1,514.98	\$30	\$3,955.74

(All costs are an estimate. They are subject to change.)

Burke County EMS Agency Sponsor Request Form
Western Piedmont Community College EMS Academy

(to be completed and signed upon notification of final acceptance into EMS Academy)

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

EMS Academy Attending: **Spring 2023**

Sponsor EMS Agency:
Burke County EMS
200 Avery Ave Morganton, NC 28655
(828)764-9327

I, _____, administrator of _____
(EMS printed name) (Agency Name)

do endorse/sponsor _____
(applicant name)

in attending Western Piedmont Community College EMS Academy. I realize that sponsorship of this individual means that the agency intends to support class attendance, and provide necessary equipment, uniforms, texts, etc. and workers compensation insurance for the individual listed above. Additionally, I understand that I am responsible for the behavior of this individual and may be contacted at any time during the academy for behavior of this individual that is deemed detrimental to the success of any part of the academy program. Consequently, I realize that deviant behavior will not be tolerated and the individual listed above will be terminated from the program for such. Furthermore, I understand that I can revoke my (agency) sponsorship for this individual at any time during the academy by notifying the Director of Emergency Services Programs at Western Piedmont Community College. Revocation of sponsorship may result in the applicant incurring the cost for all associated academy fees.

Administrator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I. Applicant Personal Information

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Phone Number: _____

Are you OK with text messages from Academy faculty and instructors? YES / NO

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Have you ever had any misdemeanor or felony convictions including traffic violations? YES / NO

If yes, please list ALL convictions with associated dates.

II. Educational Experience

High School or Equivalent: _____

Years Completed: (circle one) 9 10 11 12 GED

Completion Date: _____

Technical School / College: _____

Degree Completed: (circle one) Associates / Bachelors / Masters / Doctorate

Completion Date: _____

Degree Field of Study: _____

Other Education: (include any applicable certifications such as firefighter, technical rescue, CNA, etc.)

III. Work History

Present or Last Employer: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

May we contact your previous employer for a reference? YES / NO

Employer Address:

Phone Number: _____

Job Title: _____ Employed Dates: _____

Primary Duties:

Previous Employer: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

May we contact your previous employer for a reference? YES / NO

Employer Address:

Phone Number: _____

Job Title: _____ Employed Dates: _____

Primary Duties:

Previous Employer: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

May we contact your previous employer for a reference? YES / NO

Employer Address:

Phone Number: _____

Job Title: _____ Employed Dates: _____

Primary Duties:

IV. References

Please provide five references we may contact. Three references need to be non-relatives.

Please provide written statements from three non-relative references with this application.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

How does this reference know you?

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Completed applications must be submitted to Paramedic Program Director and Burke County EMS Training Major Nicole Hudson no later than 11/15/2022. This application may be mailed to EMS Training Major Nicole Hudson, 200 Avery Ave Morganton NC, 28655. They may also be delivered in person to the Burke County EMS Administrative Offices. Any applications received after 11/15/2022 will not be considered for the 2023 EMS Academy.

