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Designated Points of Contact

Academic Advisors for Military Off-Campus Sites

Provides assistance to Service members seeking information regarding available student support services at Coastal Carolina Community College, in addition to information regarding admissions, distance education, registration, official degree plans, and other military and community resources.

Phone: (910) 451-2391

Email: militaryoffcampus@coastalcarolina.edu

Admissions & Counseling Services

Provides assistance for admissions, placement testing, academic advising, academic counseling, review of satisfactory academic progress, and program of study.

Phone: (910) 938-6394

Email: admissions@coastalcarolina.edu

Coordinator for Disability Support Services

Provides assistance in establishing and maintaining disability support services and advising.

Phone: (910) 938-6331

Email: adasupport@coastalcarolina.edu

Financial Aid

Provides assistance to students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process, scholarships, and Federal Work-Study employment opportunities.

Phone: (910) 938-6742

Email: finaid@coastalcarolina.edu

Human Services

Provides assistance to students seeking Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding or career placement services.

Phone: (910) 938-6309

Email: humanservices@coastalcarolina.edu

Payment Options

Pay tuition or make inquiries regarding your billing statements.

Phone: (910) 938-6342

Email: studentpayments@coastalcarolina.edu

Registrar

Provides assistance for transcript request and processing, general residency questions, graduation applications, student records, and transcript evaluations.

Phone: (910) 938-6860

Email: registrar@coastalcarolina.edu

Success Coaches

Provides assistance with campus resources, tutoring, and study skills by using methods that help students reach their academic goals and graduate or complete their programs on time.

Phone: (910) 938-6828

Email: studentsuccess@coastalcarolina.edu

Veterans Programs

Provides assistance to military-connected students with veteran's entitlement benefit questions, benefit application assistance, program certification, and information regarding community resources.

Phone: (910) 938-6316

Email: veterans@coastalcarolina.edu

Section 1:

Applying to the Emergency Medical Science Program

General Program Information

Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

Coastal Carolina Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees. Coastal Carolina Community College may also offer credentials such as diplomas and certificates at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Coastal Carolina Community College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

The Coastal Carolina Community College Emergency Medical Science (EMS) program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

727-210-2350

www.caahep.org

To contact CoAEMSP:

214-703-8445

www.coamsp.org

Things You Should Know Before You Apply

Upon acceptance into the Coastal Carolina Community College (Coastal) Emergency Medical Science (EMS) program, students will be required to:

- Adhere to all aspects of North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NC OEMS) and clinical agency minimum age requirements. Students must be at least 18 years of age prior to starting the spring semester of the first year to meet the minimum age requirement of NC OEMS and all clinical agencies.
- Obtain proof of required immunizations and health screenings for clinical participation by purchasing a vaccination tracker, due by **September 2, 2025** to the Director of Emergency Medical Science.
- Undergo random drug testing and criminal records check prior to beginning clinical rotation. These costs are at the student's own expense. The information provided in the criminal background check and drug screening is not considered in the admission decision. It is possible, however, that the results may prevent the applicant from participating in the clinical rotations and from continuing in the program.
- Obtain current certification in American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers (often referred to as BLS or CPR) prior to the start of clinical rotations. This certification must be maintained through the duration of the program. Additional information will be provided during the EMS orientation.
- Travel at their own expense to clinical locations in order to complete clinical requirements of the program. In addition, alternative clinical assignments may need to be assigned to meet clinical case and hour requirements.
- Follow agency personnel policies regarding body piercing/gauging ornaments and tattoos.
- Have a valid state-issued driver's license.
- Students who face injury, illness, or other health-related matters while enrolled in the Emergency Medical Science program may be required to submit a certification of readiness to return to school from a medical professional prior to returning to the classroom or clinical environment. This certification should clearly state in writing that a medical provider has certified readiness to return to school, specifically at Coastal Carolina Community College, and that the student is able to function as an EMS provider in both pre-hospital and hospital settings.

Students are strongly advised to keep copies of their submitted forms.

Important Dates

Application Period:	April 7, 2025 – August 14, 2025
Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) Test Window:	September 1, 2024 – August 13, 2025
Deadline to Submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility Application• HESI Scores• High School Transcripts• College Transcripts (for students taking courses to meet College Readiness eligibility requirements)	August 14, 2025
EMS Orientation Session (two sessions offered, attend only one):	July 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. <u>or</u> 6:00 p.m. (See <i>Emergency Medical Science Program Information</i> page for details)

Admissions Information

The application period for the 2025 EMS program begins April 7, 2025, and ends August 14, 2025. Students will not be considered for admission until they have completed eligibility requirements (Level 1) and an EMS Eligibility Application (Level 2). Students are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applicants utilizing financial aid are encouraged to apply as early as possible in order to have access to their financial aid award for tuition, fees, and the purchase of books and supplies.

Anatomy and Physiology requirements, if completed prior to the program, must have been completed within five years of the entry term of the program (during or after Fall 2020).

All current or returning students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and have prior approval from the Academic Advisor/Counselor designated for the EMS program and the Director of Emergency Medical Science before being eligible to apply.

EMS Program Requirements for Eligibility – Level 1

The application process begins **April 7, 2025**, and ends **August 14, 2025** (or when the program is filled). All EMS program applicants must meet placement requirements.

1. Complete the Residency Determination application. The application is available online at www.coastalcarolina.edu.
2. Complete the Coastal Admissions application. The application is available online at www.coastalcarolina.edu.
3. Submit all official transcript(s) to the Admissions Office. Official transcripts include:
 - High school (or high school equivalency)
 - All colleges or schools attended after high school
 - CLEP (College Level Examination) scores
 - AP (Advanced Placement) scores
4. Meet minimum college-approved placement requirements in both English **and** mathematics by meeting one, or a combination, of the following:
 - i. An associate degree or higher from an accredited institution; or
 - ii. Graduated from any United States high school within the last 10 years from the start of the program with an unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher; or
 - iii. Completed a college-approved placement test and meet the minimum scores listed in Table 1 (Test scores must be earned on or after August 1, 2022); or

Table 1: College Approved Placement Test Scoring

NROC/EdReady		SAT		ACT		Next-Generation Accuplacer	
English	70 (Tier 2)	Reading/ Writing	480	English or Reading	18 or 22	Next Gen. Writing or Reading	250
Math	70 (Tier 2)	Math	530	Math	22	Next Gen. Arithmetic	260
						Next Gen. Quantitative Reasoning	260

- iv. Completed (with a minimum of the grade indicated) or enrolled in one of the following English and mathematics courses:
 - a. English courses:
 - BSP 4002 (P2)
 - ENG 002 (P2)
 - ENG 011 (P)
 - AND**
 - b. Mathematics courses:
 - BSP 4003 (P2)
 - MAT 003 (P2)
 - MAT 025 (C)
 - MAT 035 (C)

Note: Applicants who are unsure whether or not they meet either the English or the mathematics placement requirements should meet with an Academic Advisor/Counselor. Applicants taking a placement test at a location other than Coastal must submit official test scores prior to meeting with an Academic Advisor/Counselor to complete an Eligibility Application.

EMS Program Requirements for Eligibility – Level 2

5. Demonstrate competency in reading, grammar, vocabulary, and mathematics by meeting **one** of the following to show required knowledge in each subject area:

- i. Complete the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) A² exam and earn at minimum the following scores:

Subject Area	Minimum Score	Minimum Average Score
Reading Comprehension	70%	70%
Grammar	70%	
Vocabulary	70%	
Mathematics	70%	

See the Health Education Systems Incorporated Exam Details page for additional information.

OR

- ii. Completion of **both** college-level English and college-level mathematics:
- ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry (or an equivalent college composition course) with a grade of C or higher
 - MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy, MAT 161 College Algebra, or MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra (or an equivalent algebraic college mathematics course) with a grade of C or higher
6. Complete an Eligibility Application with the Academic Advisor/Counselor designated for EMS (or their designee) no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period.
7. Contact the Director of Emergency Medical Science, Beth Himes, at himesb@coastalcarolina.edu to schedule an interview.
8. Ensure updated transcripts for courses completed in Spring 2025 or Summer 2025 (if applicable) are on file at Coastal no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period.
- Please be aware that if an applicant is completing the math or English course(s) required to apply for the Fall 2025 semester and the transcript is not on file at Coastal by the deadline (regardless of the date postmarked), the applicant will be considered ineligible for admission into the 2025 EMS program.

Health Education Systems Incorporated Exam Details

Content

- Students will be tested in the following areas: reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, and mathematics.

Availability

- The HESI exam may take up to four hours to complete. The exam is available Monday – Thursday (8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) or Friday (8:00 a.m.), on Coastal’s main campus. Available appointment times are viewable two weeks in advance. The testing schedule is subject to change. Please know, payment must be completed prior to scheduling the testing appointment.

Registration and Payment

- Applicants must obtain the payment link from an Academic Advisor/Counselor.
- Applicants must register and pay online for the HESI exam ahead of time by setting up an Evolve/Elsevier account. The estimated cost of the exam is \$55 but is subject to change. A study guide is available for purchase in the College Store.
- Payment must be completed prior to scheduling the testing appointment.

Schedule an Appointment – Seated

- Applicants must schedule an appointment with the Testing and Placement Center through the Admissions page on Coastal’s website (click on the Placement Testing tile).
- If an applicant must cancel the appointment, they must notify the Testing and Placement Center at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to do so may result in an applicant being unable to make another appointment.
- Due to limited testing space, if an applicant misses or cancels two appointments, they will not be able to reschedule for two weeks after the last missed or cancelled appointment.

Scores

- Official scores may be viewed through the applicant’s Evolve/Elsevier account.
- If an applicant decides to test a second time, they must pay the exam fee again (through a payment link obtained from an Academic Advisor/Counselor).
- Applicants may take the HESI twice in an eligibility period (September 1 – August 31) at Coastal.
- HESI scores must be completed within three years prior to entering the program to be valid for the application process (on or after August 1, 2022).

Off-Site Testing

- It is the applicant’s responsibility to locate an alternate testing site. Coastal does not have a testing ID to provide to other sites.
- If a student tests at another site, they must request an official transcript to be sent directly to Coastal (through the HESI website) for an additional fee.

Remote/Virtual Testing

- Remote/virtual testing is available through ProctorU. The estimated cost of the exam is \$75 but is subject to change. Please see an Academic Advisor/Counselor for more information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

- Applicants must have an approved accommodation on file with the college to receive ADA accommodations for the HESI. Prior to any implementation of accommodation services, applicants must contact the Coordinator for Disability Support Services at (910) 938-6331 or adasupport@coastalcarolina.edu within a reasonable timeframe to determine eligibility before purchasing the exam.

Selection of Qualified Applicants

A qualified applicant is defined as an applicant who meets all Level 2 eligibility requirements and submits a complete EMS Eligibility Application during the application period (April 7, 2025 – August 14, 2025).

Students are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis after successful completion of eligibility requirements, to include meeting with the Director of Emergency Medical Science. The **first 30** qualified applicants will be admitted to the Fall 2025 EMS program.

All other qualified applicants who apply by the deadline will be placed on an alternate list in the order of which they completed an EMS Eligibility Application. Should any of the originally accepted candidates be unable to enter the program, alternates will be selected to take their places in the order of which they applied.

Students not admitted to the EMS program must reapply if they wish to be considered for a future class.

Credit for Prior Learning Approval: EMT

Students who have an active, unrestricted Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) credential may be eligible to receive credit for EMS 110 through credit for prior learning. Credit for prior learning applications must be submitted through Admissions by the start of the spring semester of the first year.

Note: Students who receive credit for EMS 110 must meet all other eligibility requirements in addition to successful completion of BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I (with a grade of C or higher) to enter the paramedic program in the spring semester.

Section 2:

Emergency Medical Science Program Information

Emergency Medical Science Program Information

Students accepted to the EMS program must attend an orientation session prior to the first day of the Fall semester. They will register for Fall classes at that time (students accepted into the program after this date must meet with the Director of Emergency Medical Science prior to registering for classes).

- Two orientation sessions will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. One session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the other will begin at 6:00 p.m. Students only have to attend one orientation session.
- Both sessions will be held on Coastal's main campus in the W.D. "Billy" Mills Math and Science Technology Building, room 120.

Students admitted to the EMS program need to be aware of the importance of regular class attendance in order to be successful in their classes. It is vital to have childcare arrangements worked out in advance in case of children's illnesses, teacher work days, etc. If excess absences are accumulated, the student will be administratively withdrawn from the program in accordance with the attendance policy outlined within the *College Catalog*.

Students are strongly advised to limit the number of hours they are employed in order to maximize their potential for academic success in the EMS program.

Students assigned to approved clinical practicum sites will be required to undergo drug testing and to complete a criminal background check prior to beginning clinical rotations. A positive finding on the drug screen or the results of the criminal background check may prevent the student from continuing in the program. The decision will be made by clinical agency representatives.

If you have any questions regarding the submission of the criminal background check or drug screening, or how the submission of these documents may affect your progression in the program, please contact the Director of Emergency Medical Science.

Once enrolled in the EMS program, students will be required to:

- Complete all required immunizations. Completion of a COVID-19 vaccination series may be required by the clinical agencies for participation.
- Purchase an immunization clinical tracker and submit to the Director of Emergency Medical Science by **September 3, 2025**.
- Purchase EMSTesting at the beginning of the first semester of the program (more information will be provided at orientation).
- Pay for liability insurance annually (will be included in fall semester tuition and fees).
- Adhere to the student guidelines specific to the EMS program as outlined in the *EMS Program Manual*.
- Travel at one's own expense to complete clinical and field training.

Communicable Disease Statement

Students enrolled in Nursing and Allied Health programs are at risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens and body fluids, and the potential exists for transmission of infectious diseases (e.g., HIV, Hepatitis, etcetera). Discrimination against patients with HIV and other infectious diseases is prohibited; therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned. Refusal to treat any patient may affect the student's academic success.

The complete Communicable Disease Policy is available in the *College Catalog*.

Students enrolled in any Nursing and Allied Health program who test positive for HIV or Hepatitis prior to or at any point during their enrollment in the program must submit a written notification to:

Chief, Communicable Disease Control Branch
1902 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1902

Students who enter any Nursing and Allied Health program will be required to read and sign a Communicable Disease Statement acknowledgement form. This form becomes part of the student's departmental record and attests that the student:

- Has been informed of their risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens and body fluids;
- Understands the potential for transmission of infectious diseases;
- Agrees to provide care for all patients assigned to them;
- Understands that refusal to treat any patient may affect their academic success;
- Has been informed of the complete Communicable Disease Policy; and
- Must comply with all related guidelines and procedures.

The student and a witness must sign the Communicable Disease Statement acknowledgment form.

Emergency Medical Science Curriculum Description

Associate in Applied Science A45340

The Emergency Medical Science curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge, skills and attributes to provide advanced emergency medical care as a paramedic for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system and prepares graduates to enter the workforce. Students will gain complex knowledge, competency, and experience while employing evidence-based practice under medical oversight, and serve as a link from the scene into the healthcare system. Graduates of this program may be eligible to take state and/or national certification examinations. Employment opportunities include providers of emergency medical services, fire departments, rescue agencies, hospital specialty areas, industry, educational and government agencies. Coastal Carolina Community College requires that students complete all degree requirements to establish eligibility to take the paramedic certification examination.

			Hours Per Week			
			Class	Lab	Clinic	Credit
Fall Semester (1st Year)						
ACA	111	College Student Success <i>or</i>	1	0	0	1
ACA	122	College Transfer Success	(0)	(2)	(0)	(1)
BIO	168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4
EMS	110	EMT	6	6	3	9
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
MAT	143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
			14-15	11-13	3	20
Spring Semester (1st Year)						
BIO	169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4
CIS	110	Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
EMS	122	EMS Clinical Practicum I	0	0	3	1
EMS	130	Pharmacology	3	3	0	4
EMS	131	Advanced Airway Management	1	2	0	2
EMS	160	Cardiology I	2	3	0	3
			11	13	3	17
Summer Semester (1st Year)						
EMS	220	Cardiology II	2	3	0	3
EMS	221	EMS Clinical Practicum II	0	0	6	2
EMS	260	Trauma Emergencies	1	3	0	2
		Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	0	3
			6	6	6	10
Fall Semester (2nd Year)						
EMS	231	EMS Clinical Practicum III	0	0	9	3
EMS	240	Patients w/ Special Challenges	1	2	0	2
EMS	250	Medical Emergencies	3	3	0	4
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
			10	5	9	15
Spring Semester (2nd Year)						
EMS	235	EMS Management	2	0	0	2
EMS	241	EMS Clinical Practicum IV	0	0	12	4
EMS	270	Life Span Emergencies	3	3	0	4
EMS	285	EMS Capstone	1	3	0	2
			6	6	12	12
Total						74

Related College Courses

Because of the academic demands of the EMS program, it is to the advantage of the applicant to complete as much of the related coursework as possible before beginning the actual EMS program.

Candidates may take the following courses at Coastal or receive credit for equivalent courses with a grade of C or higher at an accredited college. Anatomy and Physiology must be completed within five years of the entry term of the program (Fall 2020 or later).

Students should check with the appropriate Student Services personnel (Financial Aid, Veterans Programs, etc.) to determine how taking these related classes may affect financial aid or veteran's benefits.

Related Courses
BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I*
BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II*
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines
PSY 150 General Psychology
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (<i>See list below</i>)

* Five-year limit.

It is **strongly** recommended that all candidates complete ACA 111 College Student Success or ACA 122 College Transfer Success before entering the EMS program.

Approved Humanities/Fine Arts Electives

(Choose one class)

ART 111**	Art Appreciation	HUM 130	Myth in Human Culture
ART 114**	Art History Survey I	MUS 110**	Music Appreciation
ART 115**	Art History Survey II	MUS 112**	Introduction to Jazz
DRA 111**	Theatre Appreciation	MUS 210	History of Rock Music
DRA 211	Theatre History I	PHI 215**	Philosophical Issues
DRA 212	Theatre History II	PHI 240**	Introduction to Ethics
ENG 231**	American Literature I	REL 110	World Religions
ENG 232**	American Literature II	REL 211	Intro to Old Testament
ENG 241**	British Literature I	REL 212	Intro to New Testament
ENG 242**	British Literature II		

** Approved as a Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) course.

Academic Regulations

Students must maintain a minimum grade point average in accordance with the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy as described in the *College Catalog*.

Additional EMS Academic Regulations

- EMS Courses:
Students must complete EMS courses with a numerical grade of 77 or higher in order to progress in the EMS program. If the student does not receive a numerical grade of 77 or higher in any EMS course, they will be required to withdraw from the program.
- Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 168 and BIO 169) Requirement:
BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II must be completed by the beginning of the third semester in which the student is enrolled in the EMS program with a grade of C or higher to ensure student success. If the student does not successfully meet this requirement, they will be required to withdraw from the EMS program.

Please Note: Anatomy and Physiology requirements, if completed prior to the program, must have been completed within five years prior to the entry term of the program (during or after Fall 2020).

- All Other Non-EMS Courses:
A student who withdraws or receives an F in any non-EMS (related) courses—except for BIO 168 and BIO 169—may be permitted to continue, provided the student can complete the course(s) by the end of the summer session following their expected date of graduation.

Readmission

Applicants seeking readmission or transfer into the EMS program must meet all current requirements. Readmission will be permitted contingent upon space availability, in accordance with the *EMS Program Manual*, and policies set forth by the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services and the North Carolina Medical Board. See the Director of Emergency Medical Science for more information.

Tuition, Fees, and Other Expenses

Projected Expenses	
Tuition and student fees (<i>total for all five semesters</i>)	\$5,479
Textbooks and supplies	\$1,500
Uniforms and minor equipment	\$350
Liability insurance	\$16
EMSTesting.com (<i>online testing service</i>)	\$98
Clinical compliance fees (background check, drug screen, immunization tracker)	\$128
Vaccinations and immunizations	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$8,571

*Costs listed above are estimates and subject to change. The In-State tuition rate is based on \$76 per credit hour plus applicable fees. Tuition rates are determined by the North Carolina General Assembly and are subject to change at their discretion. For additional information regarding the total cost of attending Coastal, please see Financial Aid staff regarding the College Financial Plan. **All costs are subject to change.***

Financial Aid Information

Federal Aid Sources

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Apply online as soon as possible at www.studentaid.gov. Awards are made until funds are depleted.
 - You will need several documents to complete the FAFSA online.
 - 2023 federal tax returns
 - 2023 W-2s
- Financial Aid staff are available to students Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students may contact the Financial Aid Office at (910) 938-6742 or finaid@coastalcarolina.edu, or visit them in the Student Center building.

State Aid Sources

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 - The Human Services Office can provide assistance with applying for the WIOA scholarship. They are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Students may contact the Human Services Office at (910) 938-6258 or humanservices@coastalcarolina.edu.
- State scholarships may be able to provide assistance with childcare, transportation, tools/equipment, and uniforms. In order to meet eligibility requirements, students must complete a FAFSA.
- Qualifying North Carolina residents may learn more about eligibility requirements for state grants and/or additional scholarship opportunities at www.CFNC.org.

College Aid Sources

- Coastal's College Foundation Scholarships
 - Scholarships are available from the College Foundation Office to Coastal students who qualify.
 - For a complete listing of College Foundation scholarships, please visit the College Foundation Office in the James Leroy Henderson, Jr. Administration Building or contact them at (910) 938-6792 or foundation@coastalcarolina.edu.
 - In order to meet eligibility requirements, students must complete a FAFSA.

MyCAA

- My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship Program
 - Tuition assistance may be available to eligible military spouses. Scholarships help military spouses pursue licenses, certificates, certifications, or associate degrees necessary to gain employment.
 - Please visit www.coastalcarolina.edu/military/military-family-students for more details.

Emergency Medical Science Technical Standards

Purpose Statement: Technical Standards are provided to students to identify a specific list of the non-academic abilities and characteristics established by a program as requirements for admission, promotion, and graduation. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 defines a qualified individual as one who meets the academic and technical standards requisites for admission or participation in an education program.

All students in Emergency Medical Science are expected to meet certain essential functions/technical standards which are essential for successful completion of all phases of the program and reflect industry requirements and standards. To verify a student's ability to perform these essential functions, a student ***may be required to demonstrate*** the following technical standards in the table below. Meeting these standards does not guarantee employment in this field upon graduation. The ability to meet the program's technical standards also does not guarantee a student's eligibility for any certification exams or successful completion of the program.

	Standard	Definition of Standard	Example(s) of Technical Standard
1	Critical Thinking/ Problem-Solving Skills	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations; develop care plans. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to sequence information, events, and activities accurately. • Ability to follow strict protocols to ensure precise and safe administration of medications, emphasizing accurate mathematical calculations, including steps for verification, preparation, and documentation.
2	Interpersonal Skills	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to navigate personal conflicts. • Ability to accept responsibility and correction in a professional nature.
3	Coping Skills	Coping ability is sufficient to manage stressful situations.	Demonstrate a calm demeanor in difficult situations. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to refrain from reacting or responding inappropriately to ethical challenges. • Ability to maintain emotional composure and perform despite the difficulty of a situation.
4	Behavioral/ Emotional Skills	Possess emotional stability, rational thought, and self-control.	Remain professional, calm, and exercise restraint in changing environments. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to be non-reactive in response to provocative situations and personalities. • Ability to assume responsibility/accountability for one's own actions without becoming defensive. • Ability to assess a situation rationally and respond accordingly. • Ability to prevent one's personal opinions or beliefs from impacting one's patient or personal performance.
5	Communication Skills	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, and document and interpret actions and patient/client responses. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to enunciate clearly. • Ability to comprehend directives. • Ability to transcribe correspondence.

	Standard	Definition of Standard	Example(s) of Technical Standard
6	Mobility Skills	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Perform appropriate physical activities in spaces with heightened physical awareness in relation to physical surroundings. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lift up to 50 pounds. • Ability to stand for prolonged periods of time (8-12 hours). • Ability to twist, bend, squat, and stoop.
7	Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care.	Calibrate and use equipment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to perform tasks requiring fine motor skills. • Ability to assemble and handle supplies or instruments. • Ability to demonstrate manual dexterity retrieving requested supplies or instruments and passing them quickly.
8	Auditory Skills	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Listen attentively to ensure the health and safety of the emergency medical environment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, and auscultatory sounds.
9	Visual Skills	Visual ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Watch attentively to ensure the health and safety of the emergency medical environment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to distinguish large and small objects near and at a distance. • Ability to detect color and color intensity. • Ability to perceive depth. • Ability to see peripherally.
10	Tactile Skills	Tactile ability to perceive and respond to physical touch.	Respond appropriately to senses of touch necessary for the health and safety of the emergency medical environment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to wear PPE appropriate for a emergency medical environment. • Ability to sense potential nicks from sharp objects.
11	Adaptability Skills	Possess the ability to adapt and tolerate environmental stressors.	Ability to adapt in order to perform required duties in a variety of different environments. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to tolerate temperature variations (hot and cold) without physical response. • Ability to demonstrate requisite skill applications in an environment where there will be exposure to biohazardous materials, dangerous chemicals, gases, radiation, latex, etc.

Disability Services Statement: Coastal Carolina Community College is invested in full compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It is the student's responsibility to self-identify, request reasonable accommodation(s), and provide written documentation in a timely manner to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services in order to determine eligibility, as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, prior to the implementation of any accommodation services. Accommodation(s) are not active until all of the Steps for Requesting Accommodations have been completed. Please visit <https://www.coastalcarolina.edu/services-and-support/disability-services/> or call (910) 938-6331 for further information about the Steps for Requesting Accommodations.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding admission to the Emergency Medical Science program, please visit the Admissions Office in the Student Center building, or contact via phone or email:

Admissions Office
(910) 938-6332
alliedhealthadmissions@coastalcarolina.edu

If you have program-specific questions, please contact:

Beth Himes
Director of Emergency Medical Science
(910) 938-6127
himesb@coastalcarolina.edu

Transcripts may be mailed or submitted electronically:

Coastal Carolina Community College
Attention: Admissions
444 Western Boulevard
Jacksonville, NC 28546
etranscripts@coastalcarolina.edu

Americans with Disabilities Act Support:

Coordinator for Disability Support Services
(910) 938-6331
adasupport@coastalcarolina.edu

Request for Accommodation Information

Students requesting disability accommodations must self-identify to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services. Students are required to submit current documentation of their disability to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services in order to determine eligibility prior to any implementation of accommodation services. Students requesting accommodations from the College must have a disability, as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Self-identification and providing documentation can be initiated at any time; however, the student must allow reasonable time for accommodations to be implemented.

Pregnant students who would like to request accommodations must contact the Coordinator for Disability Support Services. Students will be required to submit current documentation to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services in order to determine their eligibility prior to any implementation of accommodation services.

Equal Education Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Coastal Carolina Community College's [Equal Education Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy](#) may be reviewed on the College's Consumer Information webpage.