

SUNY Broome Community College Paramedic Program Admissions Standards for Prospective Students

Thank you for your interest in SUNY Broome's Paramedic program.

To qualify for the SUNY Broome Paramedic certificate or A.A.S. degree application process, you must have completed the following:

- Valid New York State (NYS) Department of Health (DOH) EMT-Basic (EMT-B) certification. You must maintain your NYS DOH EMT-Basic certification for the entire duration of the Paramedic degree or certificate programs.
- Minimum of 1 year of EMT crew-chief experience or successful completion of a minimum of 70 hours of BLS ambulance clinical time. In lieu of this requirement, two letters of reference may be submitted for conditional acceptance into the program at the discretion of the Southern Tier Paramedic program director.

If you meet the criteria listed above, you are ready to apply for the Paramedic program. Your next step is to make an appointment with the Southern Tier Paramedic Program director or the chair of the SUNY Broome Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Department. Contact information can be found on our program web page: [Paramedic AAS](#).

If you do not possess a current EMT-B certification, you must complete the EMT 110 Basic Emergency Medical Technician course and obtain NYS DOH EMT-Basic certification before being eligible to apply for the Paramedic program. Please read what follows concerning EMT-B certification.

The EMT 110 Basic Emergency Medical Technician course is regulated by the New York State Department of Health. The course is taught on the SUNY Broome Community College campus by Broome County Office of Emergency Services (BCOES) personnel. Students must abide by all SUNY Broome, NYS DOH, and BCOES policies and procedures.

All SUNY Broome EMS training requires a high level of dedication and commitment. To succeed in the EMT-B course, you must possess a willingness to read, study, memorize, and practice skills outside of class. SUNY Broome tutoring is available at no cost for students who request it.

As a prospective EMT-B student, you should also be aware of the following:

- You are expected to be present and on time for all EMT 110 classes for the entire semester, no exceptions. Attendance policies for this course are strictly regulated by NYS DOH, not SUNY Broome. Absences or excessive tardiness may result in course failure and/or dismissal from the course. EMT 110 consists of a total of up to 190 lecture and lab hours, a minimum of 12 additional field internship hours requiring a total of at least 5 patient contacts, and includes several mandatory Saturday sessions. (A complete schedule is provided at the first class.)

- You must provide your own transportation to field internship experiences. Possession of a valid NYS driver's license is strongly recommended for EMT 110 students and mandatory for all Paramedic program students.
- Field internship time may not be available in the New York City area or other counties. Speak with your instructor about local connections in Broome County early in the semester you are taking this course.
- You must hold your EMT-B certification for a minimum of 3 months prior to beginning paramedic courses.
- EMT 110 is an eight-credit course. Once the course begins, dropping or withdrawing from the course may negatively impact your student housing and financial aid eligibility.
- When applying for the NYS DOH EMT-Basic certification you will be required to disclose any prior criminal convictions during the application process. Convictions are individually reviewed by NYS DOH and do not automatically preclude certification. Refer to the NYS DOH [Certification of Individuals with Criminal Convictions](#) web page for specific information.
- The NYS DOH EMT-B application can be located at: [Application for Emergency Medical Services Certification](#).
- You will not be permitted to use your cell phone (including text messaging) or display any disruptive or distracting behaviors during EMT 110 classes and labs. In addition to cell phone use, chronic tardiness and sleeping in class may be considered disruptive behaviors subject to [SUNY Broome's Classroom Conduct Policy](#).

Students must have a thorough understanding of the job qualifications for the NYS EMT-Basic certification: [NYS DOH EMT-B List of Qualifications](#).

Broome County Office of Emergency Services [EMS Education Courses Schedule](#) (including EMT 110).

Note for SUNY Broome Admissions and Advising personnel:

Students who place into LTR 092 and/or ENG 091 based on placement test scores or high school grades may not take EMT 110 during their first semester.