

Paramedic Candidacy Ranking Information

Candidacy Ranking

Seats are competitive and they are determined by a rank order scoring system and the number of seats available in the Program. The maximum score is twelve. The score is determined by:

1. Doubling the GPA (calculated to two decimal places) of the four key courses. Adding to this the GPA of all general education courses taken to date, which are required in the paramedic curriculum: (This includes the “key courses” which are calculated into the score for the third time! See below for an example of Scoring System).
2. Paramedic Program Required General Education Courses:

ENG101 Composition I (KEY)

ENG102 Writing through Literature

SSY101 General Psychology (KEY)

SCB203 Human Biology I (KEY)

HUP 102 Critical Thinking

SCN 194 HIV/AIDS in Society

MAT115 Algebra and Trigonometry (KEY)

SCB204 Human Biology II

No grade lower than “C” will be accepted for the required science courses (SCB 203, SCB 204) throughout the Paramedic Program. If the student achieves a C-, D+, D, D- grade in the required science courses, these may be repeated only with permission from the Academic Chair of the Health Sciences Department. When key courses with grades of C-, D+, D, D- or F are repeated, both the C-, D+, D, D- or F grade and the repeated course grade will be calculated in the key course average.

Grades for any courses other than those required by the Paramedic Program will not be included in the candidacy calculation. Courses taken in the 6 weeks just prior to expected entry into the Paramedic Program will not be calculated into the candidacy calculation.

Candidates who attain the maximum score of 12.00 will be the first to be admitted to the clinical phase, with others admitted in descending order of points scored until the class space is filled. The number of seats varies from semester to semester. The stronger the group of candidates in any given semester, the higher the point score that will be needed for admission.

Scoring System Example

Each grade has a numerical value which is used to compute the grade point average (GPA).

A = 4	B- = 2.70	D = 1	D- =	D+ = 1.30
A- = 3.70	C = 2	B+ = 3.30		F = 0
B = 3	C- = 1.70	C+ = 2.30		

Step 1: Computing the Key Course GPA (*in this example the student has all A grades*)

Key Course	Credits		Numerical Value of Grade		Grade Points
MAT115	4	x	4	=	16
SSY101	3	x	4	=	12
ENG101	3	x	4	=	12
SCB203	4	x	4	=	16
	<u>14</u>				<u>56</u>

$$56 \div 14 = 4.00 \text{ Key Course GPA}$$

Step 2: Doubling the Key Course GPA

$$4.00 \times 2 = 8.00$$

Step 3: Computing GPA for any General Education course taken, including Key Courses

General Education Course	Credits		Numerical Value of Grade		Grade Points
ENG102	3	x	4	=	12
SCN194	3	x	4	=	12
SCB204	4	x	4	=	16
Key Courses	<u>14</u>				<u>56</u>
	24				96

$$96 \div 24 = 4.00 \text{ General Education Course GPA}$$

Step 4: Adding the Doubled Key Course GPA to the General Education Course GPA

$$4.00 + 8.00 = 12.00 \text{ (Maximum attainable score)}$$
