

# Ventura College

## School of Prehospital and Emergency Medicine

### Paramedic Studies

The Ventura College Paramedic Studies program is designed to prepare individuals to work as paramedics with specific knowledge of the paramedic profession, proficient skills, sound theoretical rationale and critical thinking skills which will provide the basis for decision making and success in the work place. We are the only accredited program in Ventura County and all courses in the program promote integration of all aspects of the paramedic industry with critical thinking, competence in oral and written communication and applied math and problem solving.



In keeping with the standard in the state of California, this program will offer two tracks: preparation for certification as a Paramedic with or without an associate degree. Entry into the program will require the student to be a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The student who completes either track will be prepared to take the licensing exam to enter the work force as a paramedic. The graduate who completes the associate degree track may also be prepared for transfer to a baccalaureate emergency medical services program.

### **THE PARAMEDIC STUDIES PROGRAM**

PM V01 – Paramedic Theory – (Semester 1) This course focuses on didactic material and related skills necessary to establish a foundation for prehospital assessment and management of patients. The student will attend class four days a week.

Monday – 7 am – 4 pm

Tuesday – 7 am – 4 pm

Wednesday – 7 am – 3 pm

Thursday – 7 am – 1:30 pm

## PM V02 – Paramedic Clinical Laboratory (Hospital) and Paramedic Field Internship – (Semester 2)

The hospital rotation is designed to provide the paramedic student with supervised clinical application of cognitive knowledge and skills in acute patient care areas for the paramedic student. The clinical shifts average 40 hours per week, may be scheduled any day of the week and will have varying times and locations, selected by student at the conclusion of PM V01.

During field internship the student is assigned to a response vehicle with a field preceptor. Under direct supervision and evaluation of the preceptor, the field experience is designed to provide the student with direct patient care responsibilities in providing advanced life support. Field internship will consist of 24-hour shifts conducted on random days by assigned field providers. A minimum of 20 – twenty-four hour shifts is required with a minimum of 40 advanced life support contacts. Internships may be extended to include additional shifts. Internships may begin at varied times in alignment with paramedic preceptor schedule.

### **ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM**

Additional information and requirements for those students wishing to complete an Associate Degree can be obtained by calling for a counseling appointment at 805-289-6448 (main number.) Make certain to ask for one of the counselors who specialize in Allied Health Care Programs.

Angelica Gonzales, MS – 805-289-6010

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### **ADMISSION**

After students have been selected, a physical exam must be passed prior to entry into the program. The exam must indicate freedom from communicable diseases and ability to function in a hospital clinical area. This physical exam may be performed by your own physician or at the Student Health Center on Campus.

- Students must open a [Castlebranch.com](http://Castlebranch.com) account to upload their required immunization history and required titers.
- Students must demonstrate clearance of criminal background investigation, performed by Englander Investigations.
- Drug and Alcohol testing is required and information on this item will be provided after acceptance into the program

We accept applications all year for the program that begins in August. Process begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through April 15 for both Work Experience and General Admission. Applications for the work experience pre-course will be due between April 16 and July 15.

## **ADMISSION STANDARDS**

All students admitted to a health science program are expected to maintain the highest personal standards for conduct consistent with the professional standards as perceived by health science faculty and professional personnel in the agencies used as extended campus sites. Any information indicating that such standards are not maintained is subject to review by members of the health science faculty and may result in a recommendation to the college for dismissal from the program. Evidence of physical and emotional fitness upon admission and throughout the program is expected and is subject to medical opinion of the college physician and to medical opinion or policy of hospitals or agencies that are used as extended campus sites for assigned educational experience.

## **ACCREDITATION**

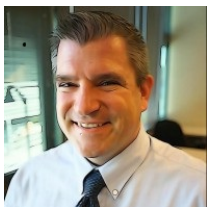
The Ventura College Paramedic Studies Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org))

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### **Questions?**

If you have additional questions please call the School of Prehospital and Emergency Medicine at 805-289-6364 or 805-289-6367, or you can reach Thomas O'Connor, Director at [thomas\\_oconnor2@vcccd.edu](mailto:thomas_oconnor2@vcccd.edu).