

FIRE MEDIC

Program Number: 10-531-2

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Campus: Fond du Lac, Horicon

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

First year of the program can be full-time or part-time, second year is full-time only

About the Program

The Fire Medic associate degree program prepares students for an occupation in the fire service and paramedic arenas. Courses focus on thoroughly preparing a firefighter/paramedic for entry onto a full-time fire department or other emergency response organization in the public or private sector. After completing this program, the students are prepared to challenge the National Registry for EMT-Paramedic exam. The students will be prepared as a firefighter and paramedic. Fire Medic students are prepared to respond to the diverse incidents of today's emergency service.

What You'll Learn

Students enrolled in the Fire Medic associate degree program at MPTC will gain comprehensive knowledge and hands-on skills to excel in both fire service and emergency medical response. The curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for the dual role of firefighter and paramedic, equipping them to handle the diverse and complex incidents faced by today's emergency services. Through foundational courses such as Fire Fighting Principles and HazMat Awareness, students learn fire behavior, suppression techniques, and hazardous materials operations.

On the emergency medical side, students' progress through a rigorous paramedic sequence covering anatomy and physiology, patient assessment, pharmacology, respiratory and cardiac management, trauma care, and medical emergencies. Clinical field experiences provide real-world application of classroom learning, ensuring graduates are prepared for high-pressure environments. Upon completion, students are eligible to challenge the National Registry EMT-Paramedic exam and enter the workforce as highly skilled Fire Medics ready to serve in public or private emergency response organizations.

The Paramedic program at Moraine Park is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (<http://www.caahep.org> (<http://www.caahep.org/>)) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of the Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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Paramedic Program with Outcomes

CAAHEP Accredited Paramedic Programs and CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR) Programs track and report outcome measures annually to the Committee on Accreditation for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

- The most current CoAEMSP Annual Report was for the calendar year 2023. The most recent success rate for the National Registry of EMT Paramedic/State Cognitive exam was 80%.
- The most recent positive placement rate for graduates was 90%. Positive placement is defined by the CoAEMSP as 'Employed full or part-time in a related field and/or continuing his/her education and/or serving in the military'. Positive placement is measured at completion of the program.
- The most recent retention rate was 90.9%.

Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable, accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

Additional Information

State Licensure Disclosure: Moraine Park Technical College offers programs designed to meet the educational requirements leading to licensure or certification that may be required for employment in certain professions. See Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/professional-licensure-and-certification-disclosure/>) for more details.

The WTCS Fire Service Education Office provides third party IFSAC accredited certification according to the most recent, applicable NFPA standard in 5 categories at 10 different levels. Certification entails, after satisfying certain prerequisites, passing the certification process for a given category and level. The opportunity to achieve IFSAC certification is available in Fire Fighting Principles for Fire Fighter 1 and Hazmat Awareness and Operations for Hazmat Operations. This can be achieved through the successful completion of classroom instruction. After the instruction, written and practical certification exams must be taken and successfully completed. (IFSAC standards for certification standard apply)

Licensing Organization: Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (<https://coaemsp.org/>)

Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

This program also requires:

- Health Requirements
- Criminal Background Check

Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

Approximate Costs

NOTE: The fees below are 2025-2026 fees. They will be updated when 2026-2027 fees are approved.

Tuition

Occupational

- \$152.85 per credit (resident)
- \$229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$192.20 per credit (resident)
- \$288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received.

Several factors influence the total cost of your degree, including enrollment fees, the number of credits required, textbooks and equipment. [Financial aid \(https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/\)](https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/) can assist with those costs.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1

503-142	Fire Fighting Principles	4
503-153	HazMat Awareness and Operations	1
801-136	English Composition 1	3
890-101	College 101	2
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Credits		14
Semester 2		
503-112	Advanced Firefighting	3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/communications/)		3
Mathematics Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/mathematics/)		3
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Credits		16
Semester 3		
531-911	EMS Fundamentals	2
531-912	Paramedic Medical Principles	4
531-913	Advanced Patient Assessment Principles	3
531-914	Prehospital Pharmacology	3
531-915	Paramedic Respiratory Management	2
531-916	Paramedic Cardiology	4
531-917	Paramedic Clinical Field 1	3
Credits		21
Semester 4		
531-918	Advanced Emergency Resuscitation	1
531-919	Paramedic Medical Emergencies	4
531-920	Paramedic Trauma	3
531-921	Special Patient Populations	3
531-922	EMS Operations	1
531-923	Paramedic Capstone	1
531-924	Paramedic Clinical Field 2	4
Credits		17
Total Credits		68

Program Outcomes

- Prepare for incident response and emergency operations
- Demonstrate paramedic skills associated with established standards and procedures for a variety of patient encounters
- Integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to provide appropriate patient care
- Communicate effectively with others
- Demonstrate professional behavior
- Examine essential firefighting skills to reduce loss of life and property

Career Opportunities

- Firefighter – Municipal or county fire departments
- Firefighter/Paramedic – Dual-role positions in full-time fire departments
- Paramedic – Providing advanced life support in ambulance services or EMS agencies