

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CHECKLIST FOR PARAMEDIC TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE For September 2026 Admission

Dear Student:

This checklist will enable you to create a personal record of the documents/activities you have completed towards applying to the Paramedic Technology Program.

Admission Information:

Admission to the Paramedic Technology Program is competitive. There are more qualified applicants to the program than there are seats available Beginning **the 1st Monday in October** AND after having met with a Center for Health Professions advisor to verify completion of all admission requirements, applicants may submit their online application to be considered for admission. When the program and waitlist have been filled, no further applications will be accepted. Notifications that applications are no longer being accepted will appear on the Paramedic Technology Program NECC web page.

Academic Advising:

Individuals interested in applying to the Paramedic Technology (NRP) Program are required to meet with an advisor when starting the admission process to assist with questions and clarify the process. Final review of the admission criteria will be done by an advisor from the Center for Health Professions.

- Application for admission** (if you are a new student or have not been enrolled for the previous three years) Major Choice: **General Studies: Health Specialization, Interest in Paramedic Technology Program.**
- Official transcript showing evidence of high school graduation, or the equivalent with passing GED/HiSet scores.**
- Official college transcript(s)** if transfer credits are being requested. **GPA 2.0 or higher.** Proof of current licensure/certification in good standing as an EMT.
- Mandatory Paramedic (NRP) Program Information Session attended after January 1, 2025.**
- Must be EMT Basic Certified.**

IMPORTANT FINAL STEP:

- Change of Major/ACTION FORM** –Upon completion of all of the above items from the checklist, meet with a Center for Health Professions advisor to determine if you are eligible to fill out a Change of Major/Action Form to be considered for acceptance to the Paramedic Technology Program for Fall 2025. **All checklist items must be completed to finish your final step. Please submit Action Form as soon as all elements are completed.**

The EMT-Paramedic Technology Program and the Division of Health Professions are committed to educating a workforce that mirrors the rich socio-ethnic culture of the communities we serve. Therefore,

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we endeavor to attract and recruit a diverse group of students for each incoming class. We also reserve the right to invoke a geographical preference for applicants from the college's primary service area.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**Program Capacity**

The Paramedic (NRP) Certificate Program has a limited number of seats. In general, the College accepts 18 students to begin this program each Fall semester.

The criteria describe the MINIMUM standards that must be met in order to be reviewed for admission to this program. Currently, the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available seats. Consequently, once it has been determined that the applicant meets the MINIMUM criteria, he/she is admitted on a rolling admission process.

Wait List Status

The Paramedic (NRP) Program Review Committee establishes a Wait List for qualified applicants who are not initially accepted into the program. The Wait List is approximately 50% of the program capacity. Students are called from the Wait List on a space available basis. Students who are placed on the Wait List, and for whom a seat does not open during the current admission cycle, are given first option on admission for the following year.

If there are significant changes in the admission criteria, students on the Wait List may be required to comply with the new criteria. This decision is at the sole discretion of the academic program faculty.

Transfer Credits

Transfer credits from other colleges/universities are awarded only for comparable courses that are completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

Health Requirements

Information regarding the College's health requirements will be sent to you upon your acceptance to the program.

Information about the programs' Technical Standards, describing the physical and behavioral characteristics required to successfully complete the programs, are available at our health professions website under "Required Forms". We encourage you to review these as soon as possible.

CPR Certification

All students in the Paramedic (NRP) Program are required to hold CPR certification at the Health Care Provider level. Evidence of current certification is required before a student is allowed to participate in clinical education courses, and certification must be maintained throughout the program.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and Sex Offender Record Information (SORI)

Students interested in participation in an academic program that involves working with children, the disabled, or the elderly, or a cooperative education experience or a program that includes a clinical affiliation with a private or public health care provider, may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check, and/or a Criminal

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History Record Information (CHRI) check. Students will need to provide a government issued photo identification and sign a release form allowing the college to view the student's CORI or SORI reports. Depending on the contents of a student's CORI or SORI reports, participation in an academic program or a cooperative education experience or a clinical or practicum affiliation related thereto, may be denied. CORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 172(C), and consistent with guidelines promulgated by the Executive Office for Health and Human Services, and/or the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. SORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Section 172(C). CHRI checks may be performed based on the NH Code of Administrative Rules and state statutes to include RSA 106-B:14 and RSA 106-B:7,1(b). For more information, contact the Registrar at 978-556-3700.

Clinical Affiliate Random Drug & Alcohol Screening Analysis Notification to Students

Please be advised that students enrolled in the following Health Professions programs will be required to undergo and pass a drug screening or a drug & alcohol screening analysis in order to be eligible for placement in a clinical facility. Students who are assigned to clinical education experiences at the clinical facilities may be required to undergo and pass random drug screening or random drug & alcohol screening analysis in order to remain at that clinical facility. Students who either fail to pass, or refuse to submit to, or fail to report within the required time frame for a drug screening or a drug & alcohol screening analysis will be deemed ineligible for clinical placement, which may affect their status in the program. Health Programs in which Students are Subject to Drug Screening Analysis only: Dental Assisting, Paramedic Technology (NRP), Medical Assisting, Nursing Associate Degree, Healthcare Technician, Practical Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Community Health Worker, Public Health and Clinical Research Coordinator Advanced Certificate. Health Programs in which Students are Subject to Drug & Alcohol Screening Analysis: Sleep Technologist, Respiratory Care. If you have any questions pertaining to this policy, please contact the Office of the Dean of Health Professions.

Accreditation

The program is approved by the Office of Emergency Medical Services through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Paramedic program includes all curricular content mandated by the latest edition of the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Emergency Medical Services Core Content, Scope of Practice Model and Education Standards, and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions Curriculum Supplement. Students who complete the program are also eligible to take the National Registry (NREMT) Certification exam.

Information about Licensure

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is responsible for the certification of EMTs and Paramedics. Please visit <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-emergency-medical-services> for further information.

Affirmative Action

For information on Affirmative Action Policy: <https://www.necc.mass.edu/employment/statement-non-discrimination/>

CORE Academic Skill (For degree program only)

Starting in the fall of 2014, any student enrolled in an associate degree program who is new to NECC and has no academic history at the college, must take at least one course designated as intensive in each of NECC's six [core academic skills](#) in order to graduate. In most cases, the program's core required courses include these intensive courses. Plan to see an advisor for more complete information about this graduation requirement.