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**Proposed effective term:**

Semester Fall ▼ Year 2013 ▼

**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program Undergraduate Degree Program ▼

Name of New or Existing Program \* Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Services

Select Category Degree ▼ Degree Type

Select Action Revision ▼

**Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.**

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[Fall 2012 New Catalog Entry & Changesv4.docx](#)

**Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

Reason(s) for Request \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The National standardized EMS curriculum has changed requiring adjustments to EMS Program.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications. \*

[2012-10-30 memo Rob-McLaughlin.pdf](#)

# Undergraduate Program

## Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Services

The B.S. degree in EMS is intended to prepare graduates to meet the professional requirements for prehospital **emergency** care providers. Completion of **all of** the paramedic core courses with a minimum grade of C is required for eligibility to apply for National Registry of EMTs examination and New Mexico Licensure. ~~Only paramedic core courses are required for National Registry eligibility.~~

The program accepts academic credit from accredited institutions of higher education for course work deemed equivalent to program requirements. ~~Students with previous EMS licensure must discuss options for receiving credit with the program academic advisor.~~ Of the 132 hours required for the degree, a minimum of 30 credit hours in the EMS major must be taken at the University of New Mexico to satisfy University residency requirements.

## Application and Admission Requirements

~~Applicants for admission to the B.S. in EMS program must complete the UNM undergraduate admissions application and declare EMS as their major in the University College Advisement Center. Upon completion, or pending completion, of the prerequisites, the student must apply for admissions to the paramedic program. This program admission process is competitive. If the student is accepted into the paramedic program, the student will be moved, by the program, from UNM University College to the UNM School of Medicine. Acceptance into the paramedic program will be in writing. If a student is accepted to the program pending the completion of all required prerequisites, satisfactory completion of all required prerequisites with a C or higher is required no later than the Spring semester of the application year. Any prerequisites or course work not taken at UNM must be officially transferred to UNM no later than July 1 of the application year.~~

~~Prior to admission to the paramedic core courses student must have~~

~~completed 30 undergraduate hours to include the equivalent of MATH 121 College Algebra; the equivalent of ENGL 102 Composition II Analysis and Argument; the equivalent of CHEM 121 General Chemistry I; the equivalent of BIOL 237 and 247L Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences and BIOL 238 and 248L Anatomy & Physiology II for the Health Sciences, all with no grade less than C, and an overall GPA of 2.5.~~

~~Admission application materials are available on the program website at <http://hsc.unm.edu/som/emsacad/>. The admission deadline for the UNM School of Medicine Paramedic program is February 1.~~

~~Although EMS licensure is not required for admission to the program, it is required before paramedic training. All students must have current New Mexico licensure at the EMT-Basic or EMT-Intermediate level prior to taking paramedic program courses. Those students with out-of-state licensure should contact the New Mexico EMS Bureau regarding reciprocity prior to taking paramedic core courses.~~

### **Program Requirements**

~~Students must maintain an overall GPA of greater than or equal to 2.5 throughout the program. While in the paramedic core courses students must maintain a current CPR for healthcare providers course completion card, health insurance, and a current New Mexico EMT license.~~

All students seeking acceptance to the School of Medicine, Paramedic program must meet requirements for admission to the University. See the section in this catalog on the Undergraduate Program for information on University admission requirements.

Applications are only accepted through an online application process. Check the EMS Academy website at <http://hsc.unm.edu/som/emsacad/> for application information. This application is in addition to the application for admission to the University as an undergraduate.

Screening for admission to the College is conducted at periodic intervals. All applications, fees and official transcripts must be received by the deadline. Students should submit applications early to allow for adequate advisement and processing of applications.

### **Requirements for Admission:**

1. Submitted application and required academic records by the deadline dates; successfully completed all Pre-Paramedic classes, with a 2.5 GPA or better, by the date specified in the current application packet for each option.
2. Additional information may be utilized to rank applicants; examples may include grade point average, interview, entrance exam, and geographical differences.

**NOTE:** Preference is given to New Mexico residents.

The School of Medicine, EMS Academy reserves the right to request the student to supply any additional information as necessary. Students are expected to be fluent in the English language.

### **Application Deadlines**

Please check the EMS Academy website <http://hsc.unm.edu/som/emsacad/> for current application deadlines.

**Note:** Applicants should consult the EMS Academy website immediately prior to an application deadline to check for any deadline extensions.

### **Departmental Honors Program**

Students with a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 and a minimum 3.6 GPA in EMS course work are eligible for honors under the following circumstances:

1. Completion of a minimum of 6 additional credit hours of approved research or independent study courses beyond the hours required to achieve the B.S. degree.
2. Submission of an approved project, submission-ready research article, or presentation at a state or national conference.
3. Endorsement of program faculty.
4. Maintenance of academic honesty and integrity, and professional conduct expected of healthcare professionals

### **Requirements for Graduation**

The Bachelor of Science in EMS is granted to students upon fulfillment of the following:

1. Completion of 132 semester hours of course work of the prescribed curriculum.
2. Completion of The University of New Mexico Core Curriculum.
3. Completion of at least 63 semester hours of upper-division course work. Such courses are numbered 300 or above.
4. Compliance with the minimum residence requirements, as stated in the General Academic Regulations section of this catalog.
5. Maintenance of an overall grade point average of 2.0 minimum.
6. Unanimous recommendation for the degree by the faculty of the School of Medicine.

### **Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Requirements**

- ~~1. Satisfactory completion of a total of 136 credit hours. A minimum 30 hours of these hours must be UNM-EMS courses. Fifteen of these hours must be completed after 92 hours have been earned.~~
- ~~2. Completion of general education requirements in the first and second years. Completion of the paramedic program the third year and completion of listed electives during the fourth year.~~
- ~~3. Minimum overall GPA greater than or equal to 2.5, EMS course GPA 2.5.~~
- ~~4. Submission of an application for graduation.~~
- ~~5. Approval of the full-time program faculty~~

#### **General Education Requirements**

|                     |   |              |
|---------------------|---|--------------|
| <del>MATH 121</del> | <del>College Algebra</del>                      | <del>3</del> |
| <del>-or-</del>     |   |              |
| <del>MATH 150</del> | <del>Pre-Calculus Mathematics</del>             | <del>3</del> |
| <del>-or-</del>     |   |              |
| <del>MATH 180</del> | <del>Calculus I</del>                           | <del>3</del> |
| <del>ENGL 101</del> | <del>Composition I - Exposition</del>           | <del>3</del> |
| <del>ENGL 102</del> | <del>Composition II - Argumentation</del>       | <del>3</del> |
| <del>ENGL 220</del> | <del>Expository Writing</del>                   | <del>3</del> |
| <del>-or-</del>     |   |              |
| <del>ENGL 290</del> | <del>Introduction to Professional Writing</del> | <del>3</del> |
| <del>PSY 105</del>  | <del>General Psychology</del>                   | <del>3</del> |
| <del>BIOL 123</del> | <del>Biology for Health-Related</del>           | <del>3</del> |

|                      |  |                    |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|
|                      | Sciences<br>and Non-majors   |                    |
| <del>BIOL 124L</del> | <del>Biology for Health-Related<br/>Sciences<br/>and Non-majors Lab</del>  | <del>4</del>       |
| <del>-or-</del>      |  |                    |
| <del>BIOL 201</del>  | <del>Molecular and Cell Biology</del>                                      | <del>4</del>       |
| <del>CHEM 121</del>  | <del>General Chemistry I</del>   | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>-and-</del>     |  |                    |
| <del>CHEM 123L</del> | <del>General Chemistry I Lab</del>   | <del>1</del>       |
| <del>-or-</del>      |  |                    |
| <del>CHEM 122</del>  | <del>General Chemistry II</del>  | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>-and-</del>     |  |                    |
| <del>CHEM 124L</del> | <del>General Chemistry II Lab</del>  | <del>1</del>       |
| <del>BIOL 237</del>  | <del>Human Anatomy and<br/>Physiology I for<br/>Health Sciences</del>      | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>BIOL 247L</del> | <del>Human Anatomy and<br/>Physiology I for<br/>Health Sciences Lab</del>  | <del>1</del>       |
| <del>BIOL 238</del>  | <del>Human Anatomy and<br/>Physiology II for<br/>Health Sciences</del>     | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>BIOL 248L</del> | <del>Human Anatomy and<br/>Physiology II for<br/>Health Sciences Lab</del> | <del>1</del>       |
| <del>STAT 145</del>  | <del>Introduction to Statistics (or<br/>equivalent)</del>                  | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>PHIL 101</del>  | <del>Introduction to Philosophical<br/>Problems</del>                      | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>PHIL 245</del>  | <del>Professional Ethics</del>   | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>CJ 130</del>    | <del>Public Speaking</del>   | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>ANTH 101</del>  | <del>Introduction to Anthropology</del>                                    | <del>-<br/>3</del> |
| <del>-or-</del>      | <del>-</del>   | <del>-</del>       |
| <del>SOC 101</del>   | <del>Introductory Sociology</del>  | <del>3</del>       |
| <del>Fine Arts</del> | <del>-</del>   | <del>3</del>       |

|                  |       |        |
|------------------|-------|--------|
| Elective         |       |        |
| Foreign Language | -     | 3      |
| -                | Total | 5<br>2 |

### ~~Pre-Paramedic Required EMS Courses~~

|         |                             |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| EMS 113 | EMT-Basic                   |
| EMS 120 | Introduction to EMS systems |
| EMS 142 | EMT-Basic Lab               |
| -       | Total                       |

~~\*Students may substitute the two-semester equivalent of EMS 113 and 142 consisting of EMS 114, 115, 140 and 141. Students entering the program as licensed EMT-Basics may substitute 8 hours of approved electives, which may include EMS 143, 151 and 180, if not licensed as an EMT-Intermediate.~~

### ~~Paramedic Program Courses~~

~~Paramedic program courses can be completed at any time in the program, so long as prerequisites are achieved, however, the courses must be completed in the sequence below in consecutive semesters, including one summer session.~~

| <del>-</del>       | <del>Semester I</del>  | <del>-</del> |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| <del>EMS 209</del> | <del>Introduction to Prehospital Advanced Life Support</del> | <del>2</del> |
| <del>EMS 210</del> | <del>Prehospital Pharmacology</del>                          | <del>3</del> |
| <del>EMS 211</del> | <del>Medical Assessment &amp; Management I</del>             | <del>3</del> |
| <del>EMS 212</del> | <del>Cardiovascular and Pulmonology Emergencies</del>        | <del>4</del> |
| <del>EMS 241</del> | <del>Paramedic Lab I</del>                                   | <del>2</del> |
| <del>EMS</del>     | <del>Paramedic Clinical Rotation I</del>                     | <del>3</del> |

|            |   |        |
|------------|---|--------|
| 251        |   |        |
| -          | Total                                   | 4<br>7 |
| -          | <b>Semester II</b>                      | -      |
| EMS<br>220 | Medical Emergencies                     | 4      |
| EMS<br>221 | EMS Special Considerations & Operations | 3      |
| EMS<br>230 | Medical Assessment & Management II      | 3      |
| EMS<br>231 | Trauma Emergencies                      | 2      |
| EMS<br>242 | Paramedic Lab II                        | 2      |
| EMS<br>252 | Paramedic Clinical Rotation II          | 4      |
| -          | Total                                   | 4<br>8 |
| -          | <b>Semester III</b>                     | -      |
| EMS<br>243 | Paramedic Capstone                      | 2      |
| EMS<br>254 | Paramedic Field Internship              | 4      |
| -          | Total                                   | 6      |
| -          | Paramedic Program Total                 | 4<br>4 |
| -          | <b>Additional Required EMS Courses</b>  | -      |
| EMS<br>470 | EMS Research and Analysis               | 3      |
| -          | Total                                   | 3      |

### Curriculum for Pre-Paramedic

All students wanting a BS in EMS will take the following courses:

|                   |                                       |   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>First Year</b> |                                       |   |
| ENGL 101          | Composition I: Exposition             | 3 |
| ENGL 102          | Composition II: Analysis and Argument | 3 |

|                             |   |           |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Soc/Behav Sci               | (Core Area 4)   | 6         |
| Humanities                  | (Core Area 5)   | 6         |
| CHEM 121/123L               | General Chemistry I/Lab                                     | 4         |
| BIOL 123/124L               | Biology for Health Related Sciences and Non-Majors/Lab      | 4         |
| MATH 121                    | College Algebra   | 3         |
| STAT 145                    | Introduction to Statistics                                  | 3         |
| Fine Arts                   | (Core Area 7)   | 3         |
|                             |   | 35        |
| <b>Second Year</b>          |   |           |
| BIOL 237/L                  | Human Anatomy and Physiology I for the Health Sciences/Lab  | 4         |
| BIOL 238/L                  | Human Anatomy and Physiology II for the Health Sciences/Lab | 4         |
| Foreign Language            | (Core Area 6)   | 3         |
| Writing/Speaking            | (Core Area 1)   | 3         |
|                             |   | 14        |
| <b>Prerequisite Classes</b> |   |           |
| EMS 113                     | EMT-Basic   | 8         |
| EMS 142                     | EMT-Basic Lab   | 2         |
| EMS 200                     | Medical Mathematics   | 1         |
|                             |   | 11        |
|                             |   |           |
| <b>Pre-Paramedic Total</b>  |   | <b>60</b> |

**Required Paramedic Courses (Courses will be arranged)**

|                                  |  |    |
|----------------------------------|--|----|
| <b>Paramedic Didactic</b>        |  |    |
| EMS 309                          | Prehospital Medicine and Operations        | 3  |
| EMS 310                          | Prehospital Pharmacology                   | 3  |
| EMS 311                          | Medical Assessment & Management            | 3  |
| EMS 312                          | Cardiovascular and Pulmonology Emergencies | 3  |
| EMS 320                          | Medical Emergencies                        | 3  |
| EMS 321                          | Special Patient Populations                | 2  |
| EMS 331                          | Trauma Emergencies                         | 2  |
| EMS 455                          | Disaster and Emergency Management          | 3  |
|                                  |  | 19 |
| <b>Paramedic Practical (Lab)</b> |  |    |
| EMS 341                          | Paramedic Lab I                            | 2  |
| EMS 342                          | Paramedic Lab II                           | 2  |
|                                  |  | 4  |
| <b>Paramedic Clinical</b>        |  |    |
| EMS 454                          | Paramedic Field Internship                 | 4  |

|                             |                                      |           |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| EMS 351                     | Paramedic Clinical Rotation I        | 3         |
| EMS 352                     | Paramedic Clinical Rotation II       | 4         |
|                             |                                      | 11        |
| <b>Advanced Paramedic</b>   |                                      |           |
| EMS 400                     | Advanced Assessment                  | 4         |
| EMS 461                     | Advanced Pathophysiology             | 3         |
| EMS 465                     | Advanced Paramedic Clerkship         | 4         |
|                             |                                      | 11        |
|                             |                                      |           |
| <b>Paramedic Research</b>   |                                      |           |
| EMS 469                     | Epidemiology and Statistics          | 3         |
| EMS 470                     | EMS Research and Analysis (Capstone) | 3         |
|                             |                                      | 6         |
|                             |                                      |           |
| <b>Paramedic Core Total</b> |                                      | <b>51</b> |

### EMS Degree Electives

|                         |  |            |
|-------------------------|--|------------|
| <b>Approved courses</b> | <b>Must complete 18 credit hours of approved electives</b> | <b>18</b>  |
|                         |  |            |
| <b>Concentration</b>    | <b>International Mountain Medicine</b>                     |            |
| EMS 403                 | Mountain Medicine  | 3          |
| EMS 406                 | Mountain Medicine Lab I                                    | 3          |
| EMS 405                 | Austere Medicine   | 3          |
| EMS 404                 | Technical Rescue Course                                    | 3          |
| EMS 407                 | Mountain Medicine Lab II                                   | 3          |
| EMS 456                 | Social Dimensions of Disaster                              | 3          |
|                         |  | 18         |
|                         |  |            |
| <b>Option</b>           | <b>Students may choose coursework from the following</b>   |            |
|                         | Pre-Health Professional                                    |            |
|                         | Pre-Medical  |            |
|                         | Pre-Physicians Assistant                                   |            |
|                         | Fire Science   |            |
| <b>Degree total</b>     |  | <b>132</b> |

## MEMO

To: Steve McLaughlin, MD,  
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Date: 10/01/2012

Subject: BS in EMS Catalog Changes to Major

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### Changes made to General Education Requirements

- All general education and program requirements have been formatted to assist the student. This will help the students take the courses in the correct order and assist them to stay on a four year degree graduation plan.

### Modifications to Paramedic Cohort

- Changes of titles and credits to the core required paramedic program meet the new National Emergency Medical Services curriculum.
- Course number changes allow the paramedic program to be offered via Extended University distance education.

### Changes made to Fourth Year Requirement

- Changes to electives to support the unique format and growth of the International Accredited Mountain Medicine Program.
- New elective courses to support new paramedic certifications important for New Mexico communities.

### Budgetary and Faculty Load implications

- The changes proposed are a realignment of existing resources and does not require additional budgetary resources or additional faculty.