What is a paramedic?

A paramedic is the mostly highly trained healthcare provider in the out-of-hospital setting. Care may be provided at an emergency scene or between health care facilities. Their advanced skills are focused on the acute management and transportation of a broad range of patients. These skills include administering medications, starting IVs, reading ECG's and providing advanced airway management. Through didactic education and hands-on experience in the lab, hospital and field, our program will prepare you to make critical decisions, provide compassionate care and be a confident leader on the scene of an emergency. As a paramedic, you are the critical link between the patient and the hospital, providing care that can affect a patient, long after your work is done.

The EMS profession welcomes men and women who have a passion for what they do. When you’re ready to make the commitment, the SUNY Cobleskill Paramedic Program is here for you. Call 518-255-5367 (5EMS)
The SUNY Cobleskill Paramedic Program provides students with the opportunity to become competent, entry level NYS Paramedics.

We provide our students with a rigorous paramedic education, following the New York State Department of Health standards.

Our experienced, highly certified instructors fulfill our mission to enhance pre-hospital care in our communities through exciting and enlightening education. It is their depth of knowledge and commitment that allows them to teach our students effectively, with a personalized approach.

Paramedic AAS or Certificate
Students who attend our paramedic program may achieve either a 2-year Paramedic AAS or a 1-year Paramedic certificate. Either will prepare a student to take the NYS DOH Paramedic certification exams.

The AAS...

THE FIRST YEAR follows the normal academic calendar. Students will complete their general education requirements including Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2, English, Math and other Liberal Arts and Science courses. A NYS EMT certification course is available during the first semester. Students must be certified as a NYS EMT with some experience, before the paramedic year begins.

THE SECOND YEAR is a 12 month commitment, focused entirely on paramedic education. Lecture and lab are 2 days a week and follow the normal academic calendar. Hospital and field rotations extend through the summer. In August, qualified students will take their NYS certification exams.

The Certificate...

ONE-YEAR NYS PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION
The paramedic certification year follows the same curriculum and schedule as the AAS degree student’s second year.

Pre-requisites:
- Current NYS EMT certification with experience in the field.
- Completion of one approved Anatomy & Physiology course
- Completion of a prequalification interview.
- Academic acceptance by SUNY Cobleskill

Prior college credit may be applied toward the Paramedic AAS. Ask for a degree evaluation.

Job Opportunities...

The SUNY Cobleskill Paramedic Program delivers a graduate who is the field-ready paramedic employers want to hire. Job placement is near 100%.

- Commercial & private ambulance services
- Municipal EMS organizations
- Fire departments

Per the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the projected growth rate in EMS employment for 2010 -2020 is very good at 33%. The average rate for all occupations is 14%.

How do I get started?
- Apply to SUNY Cobleskill @ www.cobleskill.edu
- Paramedic year applicants will receive a prequalification link which will allow them to make an appointment to meet with us.
- Contact us for more information. Call 518-255-5367 (5EMS) or email: paramedic@cobleskill.edu
- For course description and degree requirements see our college catalog.
- For more info on NYS EMS go to: www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems