

**Applications will be accepted from 8:30 A.M. March 1 to 1:00 P.M. May 9, 2013
In the paramedic program office at the Otay Mesa campus. (see directions below)**

**** Paramedic Application Testing Procedures – please read carefully!!****
Some requirements have changed since last year!!
Two letters of recommendation are now required.

There are up to four tests to take before the end of the application period. They are available from **March 18 to Thursday, May 9**, at the **Academic Success Center (ASC), Room 420** on the **main campus** in Chula Vista (900 Otay Lakes Rd.) on a “walk-in” basis as follows:

Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ONLY (No testing on Friday)

*The ASC will be closed March 22-April 1, 2013 for Spring Break

Call 619-482-6348 ahead of time to verify hours as they are subject to change.

Bring a few Scantron 882 ES forms and a #2 pencil with you when you go to take the tests.

It is your responsibility to go to the ASC to take these tests. You have the opportunity to re-take three of these tests during the application period, so don't wait until the last week. If you don't pass in two attempts, you will have to wait until next year's application period to try again. You must have passing test scores in order for your application to be considered for the final list of qualified applicants. **The date you take these tests does NOT affect the date of completion of your application.**

Returning Applicants: Please verify with Karen Cook which tests you still need to take. You do not need to retake tests you passed last year. kcook@swccd.edu or 619-216-6760

TESTS:

Math Quiz / Math pre-test. (Item 13 on the application) ALL applicants must take this test and pass with 80% or better. Can be taken twice per year.

EMT Knowledge Test (Item 14 on the application) . ALL applicants must take this test and pass with 80% or better. Can be taken twice per year.

Medical Terminology Test (Item 10 on the application.) Students who have NOT taken a Medical Terminology course can use this challenge test to meet the Medical Terminology requirement. Can be taken twice per year; must score at least 80%. The date you take this test does not affect the date of completion for your application. Just circle “C” for item 10 on the application.

Anatomy & Physiology Test (Item 11 on the application.) This challenge test is for students who believe they are competent in A & P but have not taken a course or took a non-transferable course. Passing this test will meet the requirement to get into the Paramedic program, but does NOT give you credit for an A & P course. This test can be taken only ONE time. If you do not pass with **80%** or better, you must complete an Anatomy & Physiology course before you can be admitted to the Paramedic Program.

You have a 7 week window to take the tests, but you must complete them no later than May 9, 2013. Test results will be e-mailed in April and May as you complete all the tests. It may take a week or more after you take a test before we have results available, so please be patient. (Don't wait until the last week to go take the tests.)

Oral EMT (BLS) scenarios will be scheduled, by appointment, in **June, 2013 (exact dates TBA)**. You must have a complete application and passing scores on all applicable tests in order to have a scenario scheduled. You will be notified when to call for an appointment when your test results are emailed to you. If you don't hear from us by May 30th, you may call 619-216-6760 or email kcook@swccd.edu to find out if you will be scheduled for a scenario. If you don't pass the scenario you have to wait until next year to try again. (No retakes.)

Assessment Tests: Items 8 & 9 on the application (reading and math ability/proficiency) are separate from the tests that are taken at the ASC. If you need assessment testing, please contact the Assessment Office at 619-482-6385 to schedule an appointment as soon as possible, and then bring the results to Karen Cook in 4105A at Otay Mesa. **Items 8 & 9 on the application *do* affect your date of completion.**

Directions to the Higher Education Center at Otay Mesa: (Where you turn in the application)

From I-5 or I-805

- * Head South on either I-5 or I-805 and take I-905 East.
- * Take the Britannia exit and turn right.
- * Turn left at the signal, onto Airway Road.
- * Continue east approximately 3/4 of a mile and turn left onto Excellante. (Or take the next left, Centurion.) (Landmark: bright orange mesh fencing along a driveway on the right is visible just before you turn left.)

The campus is just ahead of you. Unless you have a student parking permit you should park along the street and go into the 4100 building at the east end of the campus. The paramedic office is on the first floor, just past the Student Services desk.

From SR -125 Toll Road

- * Go south on SR-125 to I-905/Otay Mesa Road, turn right (head west).
- * Turn left at the second light onto La Media. Go past the signals for I-905 until you reach the stop sign.
- * Turn right onto Airway Road. (This intersection will be flooded if it has rained recently. Warning: large potholes may be hidden under the water!)
- * Turn right onto Centurion.

The college is at the end of the road. Unless you have a student parking permit you should park along the street and go into the 4100 building at the east end of the campus. The paramedic office is on the second floor, to the left as you get off the elevator

Special Instructions for those turning in their application on the morning of March 1st:

We typically have a line of people waiting to turn in their application as early as 0600 hrs in order to be first on the list. The 4100 building won't be open until 0730 hrs, so you will have to line up outside of the front doors until they are unlocked. Please get a number from the clerk and line up in the lobby area near my office (4105A). Take a seat until I arrive and start taking applications at 0830 hrs.

If you can't wait in line, you're welcome to leave your application with a friend and have them turn it in for you, or you can place it in the brown basket just outside my office and I'll log it in as received at 0830 if you leave prior to that. Anyone turning in their application during the first few days will have a good position on the list, so if you can't come early the first morning, don't worry about it.

In case it rains: there is no shelter outside the 4100 building so bring an umbrella.