

Paramedic Program Application Planning Guide

This is not an application. The intent of this guide is to help applicants develop a plan of readiness. An online application is available and may be submitted through your e-STORM account by selecting the "Program Applications" tile during the following period:

Campus	Admission	Application Period	Notice of Acceptance
Belleville	Fall 2027	February 1 – June 1, 2027	June 2027

Application Requirements

A. Proof of Residency

Applicants who reside in-district receive priority admission over out-of-district and out-of-state students. Illinois residents may qualify for in-district status through an Inter-district Cooperative Agreement. Proof of residency and any approved agreement must be on file with Enrollment Services prior to the application deadline.

B. Required Documentation

Applicants must have a valid Illinois EMT license and a valid CPR certification at the healthcare provider level. Students may complete Emergency Medical Services 110 at SWIC to obtain an EMT license.

	ENTITY/STATE	NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
IL EMT LICENSURE	_____	_____	_____	_____
CPR CERTIFICATION	_____	_____	_____	_____

C. Pre-Paramedic Admission Exam – Point Earning

Applicants must complete both the EMT and Math portions of the Pre-Paramedic Admissions exam to earn points towards admission. A minimum grade of 60% is required. Testing is available at the SWIC Belleville and Granite City Campus Testing Centers.

Points Key		
EMT Portion	Math Portion	Application Points
≥80%	≥77%	4
70%-79.9%	67%-76.9%	2
60%-69.9%	60%-66.9%	1

	SCORE	POINTS
EMT PORTION	_____	_____
MATH PORTION	_____	_____

Section C Points: _____/8

D. Prerequisite Course – Point Earning

Eligibility for the program requires completion of SWIC's Biology 105, Biology 157 and 158, or Emergency Medical Services 120. EMS 120 is available only during summer semesters – contact program coordinator for permission to enroll.

- The prerequisite course must have been completed within 10 years of June 1, 2027.
- The most recent qualifying courses will be used for the application.
- "C" grades or higher are required for all coursework.
- Biology coursework through Summer 2027 is accepted towards the application. If actively enrolled in courses on the transcript deadline, send transcript as soon as final grades are posted

Points Key

Application points for qualifying biology prerequisite courses are assigned based on the following letter grades:

BIOL 105 or EMS 120	BIOL 157 and BIOL 158	Application Points
A	A/A	4.0
	A/B or B/A	3.5
B	B/B or A/C	3.0
	B/C or C/B	2.5
C	C/C	2.0

Biology: **Section D Points:** /4

Additional Application Point Opportunities

E. Previous Emergency Medical Experience – Point Earning

Although not required, applicants earn additional points for completed coursework and/or experience. Proof of ride time and documented hours must be submitted by the employer on letterhead.

Points Key

ER Experience (hours)	EMS Field Experience (hours)	EMS 110 Completion (grade)	Points
-	500+	A	4
-	400-499	B	3
250+	250-399	-	2
100-249	100-249	C	1

Experience

Points

ER Experience or EMS Field Experience

Applicants may earn points with at least 100 hours as an ER Technician or 100 hours of working or ride time as an observer.

EMS 110

Official transcript must be on file prior to application deadline

Section E Points: /8

F. General Education Coursework – Point Earning

While not mandatory before applying, you can earn additional points towards your application by completing the required general education courses for the program. “C” grades or higher are required for all coursework; however, points are awarded based on the amount of credit hours completed with grades of “B” or higher.

The latest semester that coursework is accepted for the application cycle:

Program Admission	Final Accepted Term	Official Transcript Deadline
Fall 2027	Spring 2027	June 1, 2027

Course	Semester/Year	Grade Earned	Credit Hours	“B” or higher
English 101	_____	_____	3	☐
Communications 151 or 155	_____	_____	3	☐
Psychology 151	_____	_____	3	☐
Psychology 210 or 270	_____	_____	3	☐
Health Related Occupations 100 or 160	_____	_____	1	☐
Health Related Occupations 120	_____	_____	3	☐
Electives: (list course/credit hours) _____			up to 12	☐
Elective options include: BIOL 157, BIOL 158, BUS 240, EMS 105, EMS 110, EMS 299, FS 260, FS 181, HS 100, MGMT 213, MGMT 214, MGMT 217, POLS 150, PSYC 200, PSYC 253, PSYC 254, PSYC 259, SOC 210, SOC 265				

Total credit hours completed with a “B” or higher: _____

≥ 7 credit hours = 1 point
≥ 13 credit hours = 2 points
≥ 29 credit hours = 3 points
= 28 credit hours = 4 points

Section C Points: _____/4

One Human Relations course is required for the degree and may be taken in advance, although it will not earn application points. Human Relations options include LIT 117, LIT 215, LIT 216, HIST 180, HIST 181, HIST 230, HIST 292, PSYC 265, PSYC 295, SOC 153, SOC 203, SOC 230, POLS 150, and ART 110.

Post-Application Requirements

G. Compliance and Eligibility Requirements

Students accepted into the Paramedicine program must complete the following:

- **Immunizations and Vaccinations** – All required immunizations and vaccinations must be up to date prior to program participation.
- **Health Insurance Coverage** – Proof must be provided before any clinical experience course.
- **Drug Screening** – A drug screening must be completed through the approved testing process outlined in the acceptance letter.
- **Fingerprint Criminal Background Check** – Students will need to complete the required background check. Details regarding accessing the online registration will be outlined in the program acceptance letter. Note: Licensure may be denied for certain felony convictions or violations. Refer to the Health Care Worker Background Check Act for a complete list of offenses.
- **Clinical Facility Requirements** – Students must meet all additional compliance requirements of assigned clinical facilities, including background and drug testing standards.

★Total Application Points: _____/24

Deadline Reminders

Requirement	Fall Admission
✓ Online Paramedicine application	June 1, 2027
✓ Completion of Pre-Paramedic Admission Exam	June 1, 2027
✓ GED or HiSet verification (if applicable), high school transcripts, and all college transcripts	June 1, 2027 or as soon as final grades are posted
✓ Transfer Credit Evaluation Request form for all college transcripts	June 1, 2027
✓ Proof of residency and, if applicable, an Inter-district Cooperative Agreement	June 1, 2027
✓ Any applicable certification	June 1, 2027

All communication regarding your application is sent to your SWIC email account.

Need assistance or have questions? Contact Academic Advising at Advising@swic.edu or 618-235-2700 ext. 5455.