

Paramedic**[Program and degree information](#)**

Upon successful completion, the candidate is eligible to receive a Technical Certificate and challenge the National Registry exam to obtain National Registry Certification and Tennessee Paramedic licensure. Information is available from the Tennessee Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services Board. Initial Paramedic License Requirements in TN are available online.

Students pursuing this program who live outside of Tennessee or plan to move to another state are warned there may be additional requirements needed to obtain licensure or certification in another state. Consult the appropriate state licensing/certification board to determine if the chosen program of study will meet the requirements in the state(s) where you intend to seek employment. Columbia State has not determined if requirements are met for licensure in all states or territories of the United States. It is possible requirements have changed since last reviewed. Please contact the appropriate licensing board in the state where you intend to seek licensure regarding the requirements in that state. Students needing additional information can contact the Columbia State program officials via email provided.

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Table – Professional Licensure by State

| State | Determination | Contact Information/URL of State Licensing Board or Department |
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| Alabama | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity – State requires completion of a State approved Protocol Course prior to issuance of licensure through reciprocity | https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/ems/ |
| Alaska | Has not been determined | |
| Arizona | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/emergency-medical-services-trauma-system/index.php |
| Arkansas | Has not been determined | |
| California | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://emsa.ca.gov/ |
| Colorado | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://cdphe.colorado.gov/health/emergency-care |

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| Connecticut | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity however requirement to receive a Mental Health First Aid training program prior to issuance. | https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Emergency-Medical-Services/EMS/Office-of-Emergency-Medical-Services-Homepage |
| Delaware | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/ems/ems.html |
| District of Columbia | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/licensing-boards |
| Florida | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/ems-system/ |
| Georgia | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://dph.georgia.gov/ems-personnel-licensure |
| Hawaii | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://health.hawaii.gov/ems/ |
| Idaho | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/emergency-medical-services- |
| Illinois | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/emergency-preparedness-response/ems |
| Indiana | Has not been determined | |
| Iowa | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://idph.iowa.gov/bets/ems |
| Kansas | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | http://www.ksbems.org/ems/ |
| Kentucky | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://kbems.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx |
| Louisiana | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/759 |
| Maine | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity – State requires completion of a State approved Protocol Course prior to issuance of licensure through reciprocity | https://www.maine.gov/ems/index.php/licensing/reciprocity |
| Maryland | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | http://www.miemss.org/home/ |
| Massachusetts | Has not been determined | |
| Michigan | Has not been determined | |
| Minnesota | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://mn.gov/emsrbl/ |
| Mississippi | Has not been determined | |

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| Missouri | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/licensing.php |
| Montana | Has not been determined | |
| Nebraska | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/EHS-EMS-Licensing.aspx |
| Nevada | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbh.nv.gov/content/Reg/EMS/dta/Licensing/Reciprocity%20instructions%202-10-20.pdf |
| New Hampshire | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/EMSLicensingProcess.html |
| New Jersey | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.nj.gov/health/ems/reg-enforcement/applications-forms/ |
| New Mexico | Has not been determined | |
| New York | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/ |
| North Carolina | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.ncems.org |
| North Dakota | Has not been determined | |
| Ohio | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.ems.ohio.gov/certifications-reciprocity.aspx#gsc.tab=0 |
| Oklahoma | Has not been determined | |
| Oregon | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity -requires applicants to submit proof of an associate's degree or higher or proof of active employment at the National Registry Paramedic level for three of the past five years. | Oregon Health Authority : Oregon Reciprocity : EMS Provider Licensure : State of Oregon |
| Pennsylvania | | EMSAct_37_Chapter 81.pdf (pa.gov) |
| Puerto Rico | Has not been determined | |
| Rhode Island | Has not been determined | |
| South Carolina | Has not been determined | |
| South Dakota | Has not been determined | |

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| Tennessee | Meets | Office of EMS 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243 Phone: 615-741-2584 Toll Free: 1-800-778-4505 Email: tn.health@tn.gov https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/ems-board/ems-board/general-information.html |
| Texas | Has not been determined | https://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/ems-personnel-certification-licensure |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://doh.vi.gov/programs/emergency-medical-services/vi-licensure |
| Utah | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://bemsp.utah.gov/ems-personnel-licensure/ |
| Vermont | Has not been determined | |
| Virginia | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/ |
| Washington | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/FacilitiesNewReneworUpdate/EMSAgencyandVehicleLicensingandVerification |
| West Virginia | Has not been determined | |
| Wisconsin | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity | https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/licensing/reciprocity.htm |
| Wyoming | Meets *Approval through Reciprocity – Requires students applying for reciprocity to complete a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) course within 6 months of application. | https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/ems/ems-program-2/ems-licensure/ |

Notes:

- States identified with Approval through Reciprocity require applicants to hold a current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification at the level of application and/or require an active licensure through the state in which they are transferred from. This process may require completion of verification documents from

the State licensure board and/or verification documents from the institution completing the initial education requirements.