



October 21, 2009

Dear Prospective 2010 Paramedic Student,

Thank you for your patience waiting for information about the 2010 Ada County Paramedic Course. I have some information for you about the course. We plan to start the course on January 19th, 2010. It will last for approximately one year. The course will be offered at our training center, which is at the Ada County Fairgrounds. The didactic portion of the course will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. These will be full-day sessions, and will last approximately three - four months. At the completion of this phase of the course, you will begin your clinical rotations in local area hospitals and clinics. This phase will last approximately three months, after which, you will enter your internship phase. The internship portion of the course also lasts three - four months. After you satisfactorily complete all three phases of the course, you will be given a certificate which will allow you to take your National Registry written and practical exams, at your own expense.

Prerequisites for the class include:

- Completion of the application form - will be available online at [www.adaparamedics.org](http://www.adaparamedics.org) as of November 1
- Minimum age of 18 and graduation from high school or possession of a GED certificate
- Successful completion of an EMT-Basic Training program
- Current EMT Basic or Intermediate certification
- Work experience as an EMT-B or EMT-I
- Current BLS certification (CPR Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer)
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with your EMT qualifications
- Satisfactory (70% or higher) completion of the pre-course exam - location and time information will be available online at [www.adaparamedics.org](http://www.adaparamedics.org) as of November 1
- A current resume, including your EMS work history
- A letter of intent - Be prepared to discuss the following: Your reasons for wanting to become a paramedic, your expectations of the paramedic field, a discussion of your own personal strengths and weaknesses, and your career plans after you become a paramedic

The application period will be from November 1 - November 30. After you are accepted into the program, you will be required to provide:

- A criminal background check
- A drug screen
- A completed physical exam and immunization records
- Proof of health and liability insurance

The cost of the course will be \$9,000. Payment options will be available. Scholarships will be made available to current Ada County Paramedic Employees and Reserves.

Thank you for your interest in our Paramedic Course. We are very excited to offer this course. Ada County provides a high-quality education in paramedicine. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to working with you,

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