



# Becoming a Paramedic

## What does a Paramedic do?

Paramedics are allied health professionals who primarily use their advanced knowledge and skills to provide medical care for emergency patients. Paramedics may also provide services for non-emergent patients and assist in medical transport. Paramedics possess complex knowledge which helps them respond to patient physiological, psychological and psychosocial needs. Paramedics may work on ambulances, in hospitals or in other health care settings.

## What is the pay for Paramedics?

The average salary for a Paramedic in Indiana is \$45,895

## What is the job outlook for Paramedics?

Overall employment of EMTs and paramedics is projected to grow 7 percent from 2021 to 2031. About 20,000 openings for EMTs and paramedics are projected each year, on average, over the next decade.

## What training is required?

An associate degree in Paramedic Science is available at several locations in the state. Paramedics must attend a state approved training program which includes 452 hours of training on a variety of advanced EMS skills plus a field internship which could range from 550 hours to 850 hours. Students must complete a summative exam at the end of this training. Once passed, students must then take the NREMT Paramedic exam. This exam includes a cognitive exam which assesses your knowledge and a psychomotor exam that assesses your skills.

After certification, paramedics must complete 72 hours of continuing education and a verification of skills every 2 years.

## What else is required to become a Paramedic in Indiana?

You must possess a certification at the Emergency Medical Technician level or higher to become a paramedic. You must also be 18 years of age or older and possess a high school diploma or equivalency.

## Where do I get started?

Contact the Indiana Department of Homeland Security at [emscertifications@dhs.in.gov](mailto:emscertifications@dhs.in.gov) to learn more about available training in your area!

### Job Growth

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and internship that ranges from  
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### Average Salary

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in Indiana

### Other Requirements

**be 18+**  
Certified as an EMT or higher,  
Highschool diploma or  
equivalent required

### Get Started

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Sources:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook -- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/emts-and-paramedics.htm>