

## 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.

The National Registry certification is used by 46 states as a basis for licensure. 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. These states are identified as “Does Not Meet.” Even if identified in the table below as Meets, 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. A quick reference to contact the Office of EMS in every state is available at <https://www.nremt.org/resources/state-ems-offices>.

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**Table – Professional Licensure by States**

State	Determination	Contact Information or Link of State Licensing Authority
Alabama	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/ems/">https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/ems/</a>
Alaska	Does not meet	
Arizona	Does not meet	
Arkansas	Does not meet	
California	Does not meet	
Colorado	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://cdphe.colorado.gov/health/emergency-care">https://cdphe.colorado.gov/health/emergency-care</a>
Connecticut	Does not meet	
Delaware	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/ems/ems.html">https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/ems/ems.html</a>
District of Columbia	Does not meet	

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Florida	Does not meet	
Georgia	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS">https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS</a>
Hawaii	Does not meet	
Idaho	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/emergency-medical-services-ems/ems-providers">https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/providers/emergency-medical-services-ems/ems-providers</a>
Illinois	Does not meet	
Indiana	Does not meet	
Iowa	Does not meet	
Kansas	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="http://www.ksbems.org/ems/">http://www.ksbems.org/ems/</a>
Kentucky	Does not meet	
Louisiana	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/759">https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/759</a>
Maine	Does not meet	
Maryland	Does not meet	
Massachusetts	Does not meet	
Michigan	Does not meet	
Minnesota	Does not meet	
Mississippi	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	PO Box 1700 Jackson, MS 39215 Phone 601.576.7380
Missouri	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/licensing.php">https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/licensing.php</a>
Montana	Does not Meet	
Nebraska	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/EHS-EMS-Licensing.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/EHS-EMS-Licensing.aspx</a>
Nevada	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/EMS/EMS-home/">https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/EMS/EMS-home/</a>
New Hampshire	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/EMSLicensingProcess.html">https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/EMSLicensingProcess.html</a>
New Jersey	Does not meet	
New Mexico	Does not meet	
New York	Does not meet	
North Carolina	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://www.ncems.org">https://www.ncems.org</a>
North Dakota	Does not meet	
Ohio	Does not meet	
Oklahoma	Does not meet	

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Oregon	Does not meet	
Pennsylvania	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="#">EMSAAct_37_Chapter 81.pdf (pa.gov)</a>
Puerto Rico	Does not meet	
Rhode Island	Does not meet	
South Carolina	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://scdhec.gov/south-carolina-division-ems-trauma">https://scdhec.gov/south-carolina-division-ems-trauma</a>
South Dakota	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/ems-licensing/">https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/ems-licensing/</a>
Tennessee	Meets	Office of EMS 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243 Phone: 615-741-2584 Toll Free: 1-800-778-4505 Email: <a href="mailto:tn.health@tn.gov">tn.health@tn.gov</a> <a href="https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/ems-board/ems-board/general-information.html">https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/ems-board/ems-board/general-information.html</a>
Texas	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems</a>
U.S. Virgin Islands	Does not meet	
Utah	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://bemsp.utah.gov/ems-personnel-licensure/">https://bemsp.utah.gov/ems-personnel-licensure/</a>
Vermont	Does not meet	
Virginia	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity	<a href="https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/">https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/</a>
Washington	Does not meet	
West Virginia	Does not meet	
Wisconsin	Does not meet	
Wyoming	Meets *Approval through Reciprocity – Requires students applying for reciprocity to complete a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) course within 6 months of application.	<a href="https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/ems/ems-program-2/ems-licensure/">https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/ems/ems-program-2/ems-licensure/</a>

Notes:

States identified with Approval through Reciprocity are member states in the United State Emergency Medical Services compact. EMS practitioners with a valid, unrestricted EMS license in one Compact Member State have a “Privilege to Practice” recognized in all Compact Member States. These states may 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. Additional information on The EMS Compact and an updated list of current member states is available at <https://www.emscompact.gov/>