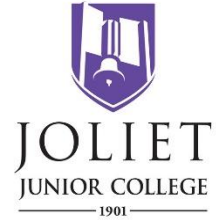




**Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers
Paramedic Education Program**

In Partnership with Joliet Junior College



Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to announce that Morris Hospital, in partnership with Joliet Junior College, will be administering a paramedic education program for the **2026-2027 academic year**.

The paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

The 11-month program begins on **August 18, 2026**, and ends on **July 22, 2027**. Classes are held at Joliet Junior College Main Campus (1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL 60431) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am- 1:00pm and may occasionally meet on other disclosed dates and times as needed. The entire program calendar will be provided at student orientation on **August 18, 2026**.

Application deadline is no later than **May 21, 2026, by 3:30pm**. Applications must be submitted via email to cdeboer@jjc.edu.

We look forward to another successful paramedic education program and thank you for choosing Morris Hospital and Joliet Junior College.

Best Regards,

Edward Ludwig

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Lead Instructor
EMS System Coordinator
Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers

Sean Atchison

Sean Atchison, D.O.
EMS Medical Director
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Anthony Bucki

Anthony Bucki, PhD
Program Director
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Mike McCully

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EMS Coordinator
Joliet Junior College

Program Information you need to know before you apply:

1. Who is eligible to Apply?

- a. Must be 18 years of age or older.
- b. Must have a High School Diploma/GED.
- c. Must have a current IDPH EMT license **OR** be currently enrolled in an EMT course that allows the student to challenge and pass the NREMT Exam by **August 1, 2026**. An IDPH EMT license must be provided by orientation.
- d. Must have a current AHA Healthcare Provider CPR Card.
- e. No history of disqualifying felony convictions, as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health Administrative Code Title 77 Section 515.190:
<https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/077005150A01900R.html>
- f. Ability to meet the Essential Job Functions of a Paramedic: www.jjc.edu/ems
- g. Ability to Meet Health Clearance Requirements and Criminal Background Check:
 1. Physical Examination (administered by Morris Hospital)
 2. Physical Ability Test (administered by Morris Hospital)
 1. Shoulder Range of Motion
 2. Lumbar Range of Motion
 3. Squats (10 reps)
 4. 3.5" Wide Balance Beam 10 feet
 5. 50lbs Floor to Waist 4x in 1 minute
 6. 100lbs Floor to Waist 2x in 1 minute
 7. 50lbs Floor to Shoulder 4x in 1 minute
 8. 100lbs Carry 25 feet 2x
 9. 100lbs Sled Push/Pull 10 feet 4x
 10. Treadmill at 3.5 speed for 1 minute
 11. Treadmill at 4.5 speed for 1 minute
 12. Stair Climb 20x- 12" step
 13. Obstacle Climbing 2ft step up, 6x
 14. Kneel Applying Chest Compressions 2 minutes on- 2 minutes off- 2x
 15. Crawling on floor for 25 feet- 2x
 3. Health Insurance Verification (verified by Morris Hospital)
 4. Tuberculosis (TB) Screen (administered by Morris Hospital)
 5. Rapid 9-Panel Drug Screen (administered by Morris Hospital)
 6. Documented Immunity to (verified by Morris Hospital):
 1. Measles
 2. Mumps
 3. Rubella
 4. Hepatitis B
 5. Varicella
 6. Annual Influenza
 7. T-dap
 7. Fit-Testing for an N-95 Respirator (administered by Morris Hospital)
 8. Criminal Background Check (administered by Joliet Junior College Police)

2. What is the application process?

- a. Submission of a thoroughly completed application by no later than **3:30pm on May 21, 2026** with all required documents attached. Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted via email (**PDF Only**) to cdeboer@jjc.edu.
- b. Successful completion of the pre-entrance written exam on one of the specified dates listed below. The exam will be held at Joliet Junior College and consists of a 150 question multiple choice general knowledge EMT exam. A minimum score of 80% is required to be eligible to continue in the application process. Exam scores will not be provided or released. *(JJC EMT graduates may substitute their final course grade in lieu of taking the pre-entrance exam **OR** challenge the exam to attempt to increase points)*
 1. Pre-Entrance Exam dates & times (your choice)
 1. **June 3, 2026 at 6:00pm**
 2. **June 4, 2026 at 2:00pm**
- c. Proof of eligibility for preference points for the pre-entrance process if applicable
- d. Applicants will be notified via email if they are accepted or not accepted into the program by **June 19, 2026**.

3. What happens if I am accepted?

- a. Once accepted into the program, you will receive information on completing the following:
 1. Health Clearance performed by the Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers Occupational Health Department. The cost of the Health Clearance is the responsibility of the student.
 2. Illinois State Police background check performed by Joliet Junior College Police Department. Fee of \$25 will apply.
 3. Complete registration at Joliet Junior College for EMS 215.
 4. Attend the mandatory student orientation on **August 18, 2026 at 9am**.

4. What is the program tuition?

- a. The estimated tuition cost for the 11-month program is **\$6,844.50** and is subject to change by JJC. This does not include books, uniforms, scheduling software subscription, ACLS, PALS, or PHTLS. A detailed list of program costs and required books will be provided in the acceptance letter.
- b. The estimated cost & payment schedule is provided below (Subject to change by JJC):
 1. **\$1,717.50** due to Joliet Junior College the last week of **July 2026**
 2. **\$2,772.50** due to Joliet Junior College the first week of **December 2026**
 3. **\$2,354.50** due to Joliet Junior College the last week of **April 2027**

5. What additional information is important to know?

- a. The program has instituted a pre-entrance candidate applicant points system to rank applicant's pre-entrance scores. This process is an objective assignment of weighted points. Attached is a copy of the possible points to be awarded. Morris Hospital and Joliet Junior College desire candidates who have the greatest potential for knowledge, skill, and ability to successfully complete the program.
 1. Below are areas that a candidate may be awarded preference points but are not required for program application or acceptance:
 1. Currently employed as an EMT or allied healthcare worker

2. College Degree
 3. Affiliated with a Morris Hospital EMS Agency
 4. Graduated from a Joliet Junior College EMT Program
 5. Have documented college level Anatomy & Physiology courses
 6. Served in the military
- b. Because of the high-paced demand of the program, no leave of absences or interruption of training will be granted/allowed (unless required by law for military deployment or training). Students must complete the program in its entirety to receive a Certificate of Completion. If a student is dismissed or leaves the program, they will not be allowed back in the current program. The student will be required to reapply for a future program.
 - c. No advanced placement or credit for previous education, experience, or training is offered or awarded by this program.

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers and Joliet Junior College do not discriminate in the selection of applicants based on race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, or gender.

If you have any questions about the program, application, or application process, please contact:

Ed Ludwig
EMS System Coordinator
Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers
eludwig@morrishospital.org
(815) 705-7189

Paramedic Application Checklist

Please attach the following items to your completed application.

The items highlighted in yellow are required.

Item	Check if attached
Copy of your current EMT license <i>(Recent EMT graduates must submit documentation of passing the NREMT certification exam by August 1, 2026. The Illinois EMT license must be provided by orientation on August 18, 2026.)</i>	
Copy of both sides of your current AHA Healthcare Provider CPR Card	
Copy of your valid Driver's License/State ID (slightly enlarged and clearly legible)	
Copy of your high school diploma/GED	
On the autobiography form provided, hand write a brief autobiography of why being a paramedic is important to you, why you are choosing EMS as a profession, and why you feel you will be successful in the program	
Passport style photo attached to application	
Completed entrance exam time selection form	
Completed recommendation form provided	
To receive education points: A copy of your college degree	
To receive college level Anatomy & Physiology points: Provide a copy of your college transcript showing credit for a college level A&P or Human Body Structure & Function or equivalent (JJC's Bio 125 is included)	
To receive military points: Provide documentation of status as an active duty enlisted/reserve or if a veteran, documentation of honorable discharge (DD214)	
To receive points as an employed EMT or allied healthcare worker: Letter, on company letterhead, from your employer verifying that you are employed as an EMT or allied healthcare worker.	

Pre-Entrance Candidate Application Points Ranking System

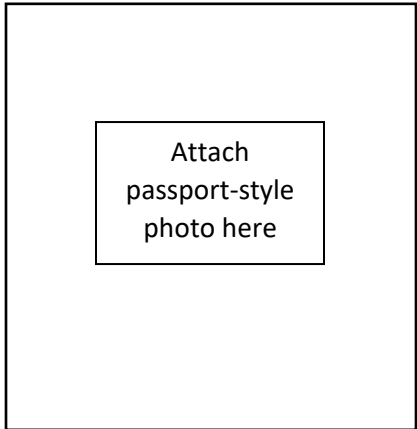
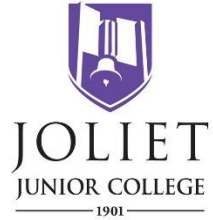
Applicants of the Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers Paramedic Program will be considered for acceptance through a weighted score made up of the following factors:

Weighted Factors	Awarded	Total Possible
Pre-Entrance Written Exam Score: 95% and Higher (or JJC EMT final grade of A) 87%-94% (or JJC EMT final grade of B) 80%-86% (or JJC EMT final grade of C)	3 2 1	3
College Level A&P: Anatomy & Physiology Human Body Structure & Function	2 1	2
Graduate: EMT Graduate of Joliet Junior College	2	2
College Education: Bachelor's Degree Associates Degree	2 1	2
Military: Active Duty/Reserves OR Veteran	2	2
Employment Status: Currently Employed as an EMT or allied healthcare provider	1	1
Affiliation: Affiliated with a Morris Hospital EMS System Agency	3	3
	Total Points	15



Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers

Paramedic Education Program Application



Received by: _____

Date Received: _____

Points Awarded: _____

General Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Driver's License #: _____

IDPH State EMT License #: _____ Expiration: _____

Primary Occupation: _____

Employer Name: _____

Supervisor: _____ Contact #: _____

Education:

High School Name: _____ Year Graduated: _____

College Name: _____ Degree: _____

Completed College Level A&P: Yes _____ No _____ Course Number: _____

Name of EMT Program you completed: _____

Year of Completion: _____ EMT Lead Instructor: _____

Have you ever attended a paramedic program before? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where? _____

Reason you did not complete program? _____

EMT Field Experience:

Are you currently working as an EMT? Yes _____ No _____

EMS Employer: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Contact #: _____

Are you affiliated/work at a Morris Hospital EMS System Agency? Yes _____ No _____

Morris EMS System Agency Name: _____

Military Status:

Are you currently active or reserve military? Yes _____ No _____ Branch: _____

Are you an honorably discharged veteran? Yes _____ No _____ Branch: _____

Do you have recognition in the military with an MOS as an EMT or Healthcare Specialist? Yes _____ No _____

I hereby affirm and declare that the above information is true and correct, and that any fraudulent entry will be considered sufficient cause for non-acceptance or subsequent withdrawal from the program.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Submission deadline with required attachments: May 21, 2026 by no later than 3:30pm

Completed application and attachments must be submitted via email to: cdeboer@jjc.edu

Application and attachments MUST be sent in PDF format only



Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers
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Recommendation Form



Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you know them? _____

Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unknown
Academic potential				
Ability to problem solve				
Ability to relate to people				
Manual dexterity				
Maturity				
Judgement				
Motivation				
Creativity				
Writing Skills				
Oral Skills				
Reliability				
Punctuality				
Professionalism				

What do you consider to be this applicant's strengths?

What do you consider to be this applicant's weaknesses?

Why do you feel this applicant will be successful in this program?

Completed by: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Must be submitted with application

Pre-Entrance Exam Time Selection

The entrance exam will be held on **June 3, 2026 at 6:00pm** **OR** **June 4, 2026 at 2:00pm** in U1021 at the Joliet Junior College Main Campus. The exam will consist of EMT-Basic knowledge and is similar to an EMT-Basic final exam. All applicants must pass with a minimum score of 80%. Please bring two #2 pencils with you to the exam. Doors will close promptly at assigned times and no admittance will be allowed once doors are closed.

Please make your exam time selection below:

_____ **6:00pm on June 3, 2026**

_____ **2:00pm on June 4, 2026**

_____ I am a JJC EMT graduate and want to submit my EMT final course grade in lieu of taking the pre-entrance exam.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

*Must be submitted with application

Pre-Entrance Written Exam Location

Joliet Junior College Health Professions Building (U-Building) room U1021

Joliet Junior College

1215 Houbolt Road

Joliet, IL 60431

The Health Professions “U” Building is located off parking lot E6. The classroom (U1021) is located on the first floor.

Directions to Joliet Junior College

Coming from the South: Take I-80 to exit 127 (Houbolt Rd/Hollywood Rd), travel north on Houbolt Road, turn left onto Cathy Drive, which is the entrance to Joliet Junior College.

Coming from the North: Take Jefferson Street to Houbolt Road, travel south on Houbolt Road and turn right onto Cathy Drive, which is the entrance to Joliet Junior College

