



Emergency Medical  
Services  
Training Program  
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## **If you are applying to obtain approval as a new paramedic training program, you must also complete the following:**

The Department of Health (department) approves EMS Training programs in Washington State and requires paramedic training programs be accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS-Professional (CoAEMSP) conducts the review and site visit for CAAHEP.

For students that begin paramedic training on or after January 1, 2013, the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) requires paramedic candidates to successfully complete a course from a program that is fully accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoAEMSP); or has a Letter of Review (LOR) issued by CoAEMSP.

The LOR is the official designation that a Paramedic program is in the “Becoming Accredited” process. A copy of the training program’s LOR must accompany this application.

### **To Begin the Accreditation Process:**

For technical assistance in completing the application process, contact the Department of Health’s Office of Community Health Systems, EMS and Trauma Section at (360) 236-2840.

1. Go to [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org) to complete the Request for Accreditation Services prior to submitting the Initial-Accreditation Self Study Report (ISSR) or the Letter of Review Self Study Report (LSSR).
2. Contact CoAEMSP at 214-703-8445 to obtain all requirements for obtaining the LOR and receiving formal accreditation. Additional information about receiving accreditation is on the CoAEMSP website at:  
[http://www.coaemsp.org/Becoming\\_Accredited.htm](http://www.coaemsp.org/Becoming_Accredited.htm).
3. Do not start a paramedic-training course without an LOR or full accreditation. Students cannot complete the NREMT paramedic examinations if your program is not accredited or does not have an LOR. Additionally, students will not meet the education and examination requirements for paramedic certification in Washington State.

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email [doh.information@doh.wa.gov](mailto:doh.information@doh.wa.gov).

**To apply for paramedic training program approval:**

- Complete an EMS Training Program Application.
- Provide the application and all attachments to the Local EMS and Trauma Care Council, or if one does not exist, the Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council, and the County Medical Program Director (MPD) for review and recommendation. New paramedic training program applicants must also include the CoAEMSP Letter Of Review (LOR) or proof of CAAHEP accreditation with this application.
- The Local EMS and Trauma Care Council and the County Medical Program Director must review the EMS Training Program Application, review all attachments and make recommendations, and sign the application.
- Submit formal request to CoAEMSP to receive accreditation.