



COLLEGE of  
CENTRAL  
FLORIDA

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

# CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAM

## SPRING 2025 APPLICATION PACKET

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### **What is Critical Care Transport?**

Critical Care Transport is a hospital-based, inter-facility transport program for patients in the United States and worldwide who require transport from one medical facility to another.

### **CCT at CF**

The CCT program at College of Central Florida was designed in response to the growing need for qualified specialists in the area of critical care inter-facility transfer. It helps to prepare paramedics and nurses to serve with competence and confidence in meeting the needs of critical care patients undergoing inter-facility transports.

This program will bring together nursing and paramedics to bridge prehospital and hospital care and provide an understanding for the highest level of care to critical patients during transport.

**\*This is a non-credit program; college admission is not required. However, this is a health-based limited access program. This packet contains criteria for admission to the program.\***

## **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

The program will be offered over 16 to 18 weeks and consists of lecture, skills lab, and clinical rotations. Lecture and skills lab will be held on the same day. Clinical rotations will be scheduled by the student and must be completed prior to taking the final exam. The program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals by following a shift schedule. Program hours are:

- Total program hours – 228 Hours
  - Lecture – 116 hours
  - Lab – 60 hours
  - Clinical rotations – 52 hours

The program is specifically designed to accommodate two separate shifts based on a 24-hour-on/48-hour-off (A, B, C) shift schedule.

Lecture/Lab:

- 1-2 days per week
- 4-8 hours each day

Clinical Rotations:

- 6 clinical rotations
- 8-12 hours per rotation
- Clinical will not follow a set schedule, but every attempt will be made to accommodate each student's work schedule

Students can review the proposed schedule at [www.cf.edu/CCT](http://www.cf.edu/CCT).

## **PROGRAM CRITERIA**

To be considered for admission to the CCT program, the applicant must submit a complete CCT application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Criteria:

You must submit a copy of your current unencumbered license: Florida Registered Nurse or Florida State Paramedic Certification or National Registry Paramedic Certification

You must submit a letter from your employer stating you have been employed for one (1) year in the field. If you have not been with your employer for this length of time, a letter from your previous employer(s) proving a total of one (1) year in the field.

You must submit a copy of your Florida driver's license (learners permits are not acceptable).

You must submit a copy of your CPR card: American Heart Association PALS and ACLS or equivalent.

Recommended (but not required) courses:

- BSC2085 – Anatomy and Physiology I
- BSC2086 – Anatomy and Physiology II
- MCB2010 – Microbiology
- Chemistry

## **PROGRAM GOALS/OUTCOMES**

At the end of this program, students will receive a Critical Care Transport certificate plus credentialing in:

- ACLS EP – ACLS for Experience Providers
- ITLS – International Trauma Life Support
- NRP – Neonatal Resuscitation Program

The depth and breadth of the curriculum will adequately prepare students to successfully pass the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) certification exam for Critical Care Paramedic (CCP-C) and/or Flight Paramedic (FP-C).

## **Requirements after Acceptance to the Program**

Once you receive your acceptance letter stating you have been selected for a seat in the CCT program, you will also be required to complete the following before the first day of class.

**The following items are required for class registration and approval to enter local healthcare facilities to complete clinical rotations. Details will be included in your acceptance packet. Do not begin these items until you have picked up your acceptance packet.**

- Registration and payment for classes on Higher Reach
- National Criminal, Social Security, License History Background Checks
- Substance Screening
- Physical Examination and Health History
- Immunizations Required for Program
  - MMR
  - Tdap
  - PPD
  - Varicella
  - Hepatitis B
  - Flu (during season October–March)

**Important!** Completed health forms with all immunization documentation must be reviewed and approved online prior to entering any clinical experience. If you do not meet your clinical objectives you cannot successfully complete the CCT programs. You have the option to decline immunizations; however, some clinical facilities require that all immunizations be completed. If you are not able to attend required clinical experiences because you do not meet a facility's immunization requirements, you may not be able to complete your program of study.

## **Certification and Driver's License Note: Plan Accordingly!**

It is your responsibility to be sure your certification cards and driver's license does not expire before or during the course of the program. You must provide the EMS office in Building 35, Room 104, (Ocala Campus) a copy of any updates. Failure to do so may impact your completion of these programs. **You cannot attend clinicals if your cards have expired.**

## ESTIMATED COSTS OF CCT PROGRAM

Tuition for the program is listed below along with costs for lab fees and additional certifications. Students may also incur additional costs for physical examinations, federal background check, substance abuse screening, student background check, clinical compliance tracker, immunizations, textbooks, and uniforms. The costs for these items will vary among students based on the individual students needs and where the items are purchased.

Tuition: Lecture/Lab Fees	1,100.00
Federal Background Check	55.00
Physical Examination (estimated)	50.00
Immunizations (estimated)	250.00
Substance Screening	34.00
Student Background Check	41.00
Clinical Compliance Tracker	44.99
FISDAP Scheduler	42.00
Textbooks (estimated)	235.50
Uniforms (estimated)	60.00
NRP	85.00
ACLS-EP	7.00
ITLS	27.00

*Note: Costs subject to change. Not all costs apply to each student.*

A liability insurance fee is part of the tuition fee.

Personal health insurance (not supplied by the college) is required.

***Students are responsible for their own medical bills.***

## Program Textbooks

Critical Care Transport, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Preferred Paperback with Access Code

- Jones & Bartlett Publishers
- 9781284263114

## Recommended Textbooks

ACLS for Experience Providers Manual and Resource Text

- American Heart Association
- 978-1-61669-640-5

ITLS for Emergency Care Providers, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition

- Pearson
- 9780135379318

Textbook of Neonatal Resuscitation, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- 978-1-61002-524-9

## **LEVEL II FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK**

All students entering an EMS program must have a national criminal background check as part of their application to the program. If the background check reports any history, admission to any Health Sciences division program may be refused or revoked. Students with a history may not be eligible for any CF Health Sciences program. The national criminal background check is valid for one year. Students cannot start any Health Sciences program until all fingerprint report results have been received.

### **Background Check Procedure**

- Follow this link: [Federal Background Check](#)
- Click tab for Standard Background
- Purchase the standard background check
  - Current standard background fee is \$55
  - Do *not* purchase Health Care Licensing Test (currently \$79)
- Email Cindy Baldwin to schedule your fingerprinting appointment:
  - [baldwinc@cf.edu](mailto:baldwinc@cf.edu)
  - 352-854-2322 ext. 1569
- Take the payment receipt to Ocala Campus Building 31 (Criminal Justice Institute), Room 108, during your scheduled appointment
- Complete fingerprinting

While enrolled in a CF Health Sciences program, the student is also responsible for notifying the program facilitator of any arrests, regardless of adjudication, that occur after acceptance and during enrollment in a given program. Eligibility for the student's continued enrollment in the Health Sciences program due to this arrest will be determined. Failure to promptly notify the program facilitator shall be grounds for dismissal from the program. After admission into the program of choice, the student must remain free of disqualifying charges or may be subject to dismissal from the program.

## **RECERTIFICATION**

College of Central Florida CCT certificate is valid for a period of four (4) years. Recertification requirements are as follows:

- Maintain current, unrestricted paramedic or healthcare license.
- Complete **one** of the following:
  - Total of 100 approved continuing education hours
  - Current FP-C or CCP-C certification with a minimum of one year remaining before expiration.

### **Acceptable continuing education hours:**

Continuing education must be critical care-based with clear and direct application to the practice of critical care (ICU) medicine. Acceptable continuing education includes the following:

- Critical care conferences
- Accredited college courses (1 academic semester equals 15 credit hours)
  - Acceptable courses with a clinical focus:
    - Anatomy and Physiology
    - Chemistry
    - Microbiology
  - Acceptable courses with a non-clinical focus:
    - Legal Aspects of Transport
    - Patient Experience
    - Medical Ethics

The following courses would not be considered acceptable for recertification:

- CPR
- ACLS
- PALS
- PEPP
- ITLS
- PHTLS
- BLTS
- TNCC
- AMLS

Please contact the College of Central EMS Office for any questions regarding course or conference qualification.



**CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAM  
SPRING 2025  
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

The purpose of your application is to provide necessary personal data to comply with State and Federal regulations, and academic data to support your educational achievements.

Please complete the entire form by printing clearly and affixing your signature.

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle (complete) Jr., etc.

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip Code

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area code) Home Work Cell

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YY

**Race:** (check one)  White (not of Hispanic origin)  Hispanic  Asian or Pacific Isle  Black (not of Hispanic origin)  
 American Indian or Alaskan Native  Other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**  Male  Female **Driver's License State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **License Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Shift:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Healthcare License?**  Registered Nurse  Paramedic **Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CPR Card?**  PALS  ACLS  Other **Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 401, Florida Statutes requires that all applicants certify under oath that he/she is:  
a. "... not addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance."  
b. "... free from any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair his/her ability to perform his/her duties."  
I HEREBY CERTIFY I AM A STUDENT IN GOOD STANDING AT CF AND I STATE THE INFORMATION IN MY APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. I ALSO STATE I MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 401, FLORIDA STATUTES.

**AGREE :** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) Date (MM/DD/YY)

**Date and time received in EMS office:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECK-OFF FORM

**NOTE: Only complete CCT applications will be accepted**

### Critical Care Transport Application:

- Attach a copy of current, valid Florida Driver's License. A learner's permit is not acceptable.
- Attach a copy of current healthcare license.
- Attach a letter from your employer listing length of employment.
- Attach a copy of current required CPR card (signed and copied both front and back).
- Attach a copy of current required ACLS card (signed and copied both front and back).
- Attach a copy of current required PALS card (signed and copied both front and back).

<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b>
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<b>Jan. 3, 2025</b>
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*Deadlines may be extended in order to fill classes. Call 352-854-2322, ext. 1313, for more information*

### **SUBMIT COMPLETED CCT APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS:**

**In Person:** CF Ocala Campus, Building 35, Room 104. Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
*Summer Hours (May-July): Monday-Thursday only*

**By Mail:** EMS Office, CF Health Sciences, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala, FL 34474-4415

**By Email:** [fisherg@cf.edu](mailto:fisherg@cf.edu).