

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Submit application and meet admission requirements to Southern University at Shreveport
2. Submit copies of official transcripts of all schools attended to the Office of Admissions
3. Complete and submit your program admissions packet by appointed due date
4. Meet all academic requirements and complete any program pre-requisites or entry requirements

Applicants to the Paramedic Training Program must meet general admission requirements to the University as outlined in the University Catalog. Southern University at Shreveport is an open admission institution; however, acceptance into the Paramedic Program is only allowed when all entry requirements are satisfied.

Southern University at Shreveport assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, age handicap, marital status or veteran's status in admissions, participation, or employment in the programs and activities of the college.

DRUG SCREENING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Drug Screen

All Allied Health Sciences and Nursing students are required to submit a pre-admission urine drug screen according to the policy of the Allied Health Science and Nursing programs at SUSLA. The drug screen is completed at the student's expense. At their discretion, clinical sites may also require an additional drug screening and/or a criminal background check prior to allowing students into the clinical setting. The clinical facilities (hospitals, etc.) require criminal background checks prior to students' attendance at the clinical sites. In addition, SUSLA and the clinical sites may require random drug testing and/or drug testing for reasonable cause.

Testing positive for the screening, or evidence of tampering with a specimen will disqualify a student from participation from the clinical experience.

Background Check

Allied Health Sciences and Nursing students must also undergo a background check performed by the selected vendor at the student's expense. Your acceptance into an Allied Health Sciences and Nursing program at SUSLA will not be final until SUSLA has received background check information from the reporting agencies, and the background check is clear of disqualifying offenses. Certain criminal activities, as evidenced by a criminal background check may also disqualify a student from clinical participation.

Students are advised that the inability to gain clinical education experiences can result in the inability to meet program objectives and outcomes. These circumstances may prevent final acceptance into and/or progression through the program and ultimately result in dismissal from the program. In keeping with the program's due process policies, if a student disagrees with the accuracy of the information obtained, they may request a confirmatory test and/or a review of the accuracy of the background information within

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Ten (10) working days. All requests must be made in writing to the Allied Health Science & Nursing Dean and must include relevant information and/or extenuating circumstances supporting the request. A designated committee will review the results and will be responsible for making the final decision regarding the student's admission. The student will be notified in writing of the committee's decision within ten (10) working days.

VACCINATIONS

Students must meet the following requirements (completed at the student's expense) prior to and throughout enrollment in the program. (See chart in Admissions Packet)

Provide proof of all vaccinations designated by the program:

1. Tuberculin skin test within the past 12 months and annually thereafter while enrolled
2. Rubella Titer
3. TD Booster
4. Hepatitis Titer
5. Hepatitis Vaccine (3 dates)
6. Date of Flu Vaccine

HEALTH EXPECTATIONS

Individuals must be in good physical and mental health. Good physical and mental health is necessary for students to meet physical performance standards and possess the clarity of mind necessary for healthcare duties. They should also have the ability to critically think using sympathetic, congenial, cordial, versatile, and ambitious reasoning. Applicants must also be dependable, responsible, and reliable. Candidates must be able to meet all technical standards required of the program.

Qualified applicants are expected to meet all admission criteria and matriculating students are expected to meet all progression criteria, as well as these essential functions. Students requesting accommodations to meet these criteria must inform the Program Director in writing of the need for accommodations at the time of admission or at the time of registration for Paramedic Training.

See the following: Paramedic Essential Functions Description and Essential Functions Compliance Sheets to establish an understanding of requirements