Paramedics provide pre-hospital emergency care to acutely ill or injured patients under medical authority of licensed physicians. Individuals interested in pursuing a career as a paramedic should possess significant strength to lift and carry victims, good use of hands and fingers, good coordination, good judgment and emotional stability, as well as the ability to work confidently under pressure. Students successfully completing the degree requirements and the PMED courses meet the U.S. Department of Transportation National Standards for Paramedics and are eligible to take the National Registry examination required for licensure.

Two primary requirements of the Paramedical Technology program are clinical rotations and the Capstone Internship. Clinical rotations provide instruction and supervised practice of emergency medical skills in various units of hospitals and ambulances within the Kenai Peninsula, Anchorage, and Mat-Su borough areas throughout the program. The Capstone Internship provides experience in advanced life support ambulances at busy 911 EMS agencies across the "lower-48" contiguous United States after completion of classroom and clinical rotation program requirements. Student interns are the third member of the medical/rescue team and work under the direct supervision of a paramedic preceptor. Capstone Internship sites are arranged in various contiguous U.S. locations. Efforts are made to place students in geographic locations of their choice; however, intern positions may not be available at all approved sites. Length of internship varies depending on the call volume at the location and successful application of paramedic skills.

CAAHEP Accredited

The University of Alaska Anchorage paramedic program delivered at UAA's Matanuska-Susitna College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).