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I started as an EMT as soon as I got my driver's license and stayed in that role, which I loved, for a couple of years before I decided to study to become a paramedic. I'm proud to say I've been in this job for several years. It was a natural transition, and now I get to perform advanced medical procedures and have way more responsibilities on the job.

Some shifts are less dramatic than others, sure, but while they are never predictable, I feel like they are always important. I might be helping to save someone's grandparent after they had a fall, or someone's parent when they had a heart attack, or someone's sibling who got into a nasty car accident--the list goes on. I never forget how connected we all are and how life can change drastically in the blink of an eye. Being a paramedic is public service to the extreme, action-packed, and full of empathy. This is a fast-paced job with high rewards, and I will never, ever take my job for granted.

Occupation:

Paramedic

Salary:

\$56,257

Education:

Postsecondary
Non-Degree Award

Job Description:

Paramedics administer basic or advanced emergency medical care and assess injuries and illnesses. May administer medication intravenously, use equipment such as EKGs, or administer advanced life support to sick or injured individuals.*



Job Description:

SOC Code: 29-2043

Top Job Skills:

- Administer first aid treatment
- Administer life support care
- Perform emergency cardiac care
- Communicate, comfort and reassure patients
- Prepare written documentation

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Analyze patient data to determine patient needs or treatment goals
 - Monitor patient progress or responses to treatments
- Interacting With Others
 - Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan or provide treatment
 - Inform medical professionals regarding patient conditions and care
 - Communicate with patients and provide emotional support
 - Teach medical procedures to healthcare personnel
- Information Input
 - Record patient medical histories
- Work Output
 - Treat medical emergencies
 - Administer intravenous or non-intravenous medications
 - Implement advanced life support techniques

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit jobs.scworks.org.

Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

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JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$42,530 - \$60,100



Projected Growth

108/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

2,170



Required Education

Postsecondary
Non-Degree Award



Work Experience

Typically Requires
Less Than Five Years



On-the-Job Training

Typically
Requires None

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Midlands
- Greenville
- Trident
- Pee Dee
- Catawba
- Lowcountry

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- MedTrust
- Prisma Health
- Priority Ambulance
- CSL Behring
- Global Medical Response
- American Medical Response

RELATED OCCUPATIONS*:

- Acute Care Nurses
- Critical Care Nurses
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Medical Assistants
- Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Registered Nurses

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2024.