Dear Prospective St. Francis Paramedic Student,

Attachments have:
1. Instructions from St. Francis Hospital
2. Paramedic Info Sheet
3. Assessment Testing Application Form

To capture a few key points:
1. 2013 St. Francis Hospital Paramedic Program Tuition is $4,500 for Independent Applicants.
2. There are three phases to the selection process:
   a. Assessment Testing consisting of a Written Examination and Practical Skills Test.
   b. Oral Interview
   c. English, Reading, and Math Placement
3. The Assessment Testing Application Form is due at the St. Francis Hospital, EMS Office with the $50 application fee no later than Friday, October 5, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. (Late applications will not be accepted.)
4. The Assessment Testing Phase will take place at Oakton’s Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Room P103, on Tuesday, October 16 or Wednesday October 17, 2012. Registration is 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. The exam begins promptly at 9 a.m. (Late applicants will be disqualified.)
5. The written exam is 150 multiple choice questions, consisting of basic EMT-B knowledge. You will be allowed 2½ hours to complete the test and will be graded after completion.
6. The Practical Skills test will follow later (on your scheduled test day) in the morning and afternoon. It will be administered to the applicants that score 75% or better on the written test. (Applicants who score less than 75% will be disqualified.) The test will be graded on a point scale and may reflect on your final standing on the eligibility list. Be prepared to stay late in the afternoon on your test date. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
7. Those who pass the Assessment Testing Phase, will receive a Course Application in the mail with an interview date to be scheduled just before Thanksgiving.
8. The Course Application Form and required documentation is due at the St. Francis Hospital, EMS Office no later than Friday, November 9, 2012, at 4 p.m. (Late applications will not be accepted.)
9. The oral interview will consist of a panel of St. Francis EMS staff, the Oakton Community College EMT Chair and possibly Fire Department personnel.) The panel will ask questions concerning your application form, education, references, goals, and why you want to become a paramedic. Course requirements will also be discussed.
10. The final eligibility list will be based on six categories consisting of written test scores, interview ratings, placement tests, and in or out of Oakton’s district. Rankings in each category will be from the highest to the lowest written score.
11. The number of applicants accepted into St. Francis Paramedic Program will be based on the number of openings available to complete the in-field evaluation on an ambulance by a St. Francis Preceptor.
12. Qualifying applicants will be notified by St. Francis Hospital in early December for the January 8, 2013 (tentative) paramedic school start date.