

2007-08 Catalog: Programs of Study

Paramedic (6393)

Technical Certificate

Mission Statement

Creating competent, ethical, confident entry-level health care practitioners committed to professional development through life-long learning in a positive, non-discriminatory and supportive learning environment.

The Career

An emergency medical services system consists of many different components. Paramedic is the advanced level for work in the EMS field. Paramedics provide advanced life support and transportation for the sick and injured.

The Program

This limited access program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Graduates of the program are prepared to function as entry-level paramedics. Upon completion of the program, graduates are awarded a technical certificate and are eligible to apply to sit for the Florida state board examination to qualify for certification as a paramedic in the state of Florida. Graduates of the one-year technical certificate program may elect to continue for the associate in science degree in emergency medical services (EMS) technology.

Prerequisites

Prior to being admitted to the program an applicant must complete:

- ****EMS 1059** First Responders: Emergency Care Training
- EMS 1119** Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care
- EMS 1401** Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care Clinical Experience

Students who have successfully completed **HCP 0001** (Health Careers Core) may substitute it for EMS 1059.

Application Procedure

To meet the minimum requirements for consideration for acceptance to the Paramedic program, students must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Submit a paramedic application to the EMS department by the published deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. (Call the EMS office for application deadlines.)

Cost

Estimated cost of tuition is \$2,789 (tuition rated for Florida residents, as of 7/07). For details on fees, books, uniforms and materials see the [online brochure](#).

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Curriculum

Course Number and Title	Credits
* BSC 2020C Human Biology	4
EMS 2611 Paramedic Module I, Preparatory	4
EMS 2611L Paramedic Module I, Pharmacology Lab	2
EMS 2612L Paramedic Module II, Airway	1

EMS 2613L	Paramedic Module III, Patient Assessment	3
EMS 2666	Paramedic Clinical I	3
EMS 2614	Paramedic Module IV, Trauma	2
EMS 2615	Paramedic Module V, Medical	6
EMS 2615L	Paramedic Module V, Medical Lab	3
EMS 2667	Paramedic Clinical II	3
EMS 2616	Paramedic Module VI, Special Considerations	3
EMS 2617L	Paramedic Module VII, Assessment Based Lab	2
EMS 2618L	Paramedic Module VIII, Operations Lab	1
EMS 2668	Paramedic Clinical III	2
EMS 2659	Paramedic Field Internship	3
	Credit Hours	42
	Total Credit Hours	42

***BSC 2085C** and **BSC 2086C** may be substituted for **BSC 2020C**. Students who complete BSC 2085C prior to entering the paramedic program should take BSC 2086C during the first semester of the paramedic program.

****EMS 1059** is prerequisite for **EMS 1119** and **EMS 1401**.

Record of Conviction of a Crime

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), will determine a paramedic program graduate's eligibility for certification when there is an arrest/ conviction record. Students should contact the Bureau of EMS for information regarding state regulations.

Notes

Most clinical agencies require students to undergo drug screen and criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Students whose drug screening and criminal background checks are deemed unsatisfactory may be denied access to clinical experiences by the clinical agencies. Failure to qualify for and meet clinical requirements at clinical sites may prevent completion of the program. Withdrawal from the program may be necessary if students cannot be placed for clinical experiences.

The cost of the background check and drug screen is borne by the student. Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to have all paperwork completed by the program's published deadline.

Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements after acceptance into selective access programs are not eligible for refunds of tuition.

A physical examination will be required upon acceptance to the program.

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