



South Florida State College

EMT-Paramedic Entrance Packet

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EMS & Fire Science Programs

SFSC Vision

Enriching our communities through education...one life at a time.

SFSC Institutional Core Values

INTEGRITY	We encourage the free exchange of ideas in an environment that embraces honesty, fairness, personal responsibility, and ethical leadership.
SERVICE	We actively seek opportunities to enhance achievement and success in our local and world communities
COMMUNITY	We embrace cultural diversity, inclusiveness, collaboration, mutual respect, responsive and productive partnerships and the sharing of resources.
LEARNING	We are committed to providing opportunities for students and staff to succeed in a highly competitive environment so that they can become effective lifelong learners.
EXCELLENCE	We seek to provide high-quality, innovative, and flexible teaching and learning opportunities in a learning-centered environment.
ACCOUNTABILITY	We value personal and institutional ownership through integrated planning and assessment of all programs
RESPONSIBILITY	We honor our commitments in all initiatives and leadership endeavors as well as promote environmental stewardship.

Health Science Division Mission Statement

To prepare compassionate and ethical healthcare professionals who continually strive for excellence through interprofessional collaboration, in a dynamic learning environment.

EMS Program Mission Statement

The mission of the SFSC EMS Programs is to prepare competent entry-level Emergency Medical Responders (First Responders), Emergency Medical Technician-Basics, and Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. This will be accomplished by providing a positive learning environment to students seeking to accept their roles in the professional community in the surrounding jurisdictions. Completion of goals and competence will be documented using the most recent version of the ***"SFSC EMS Programs Policies and Procedures"*** and ***"Student Handbook"*** as a guide.



Welcome

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Programs at South Florida State College. I have been actively involved in Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine for many years. I truly have a love and appreciation for EMS and those who provide this necessary care. The EMS Profession can be a rewarding career. This career is not for everyone. It will take time, effort, desire, and most of all, determination to complete this program and start your EMS career. This profession is serious and the training you will receive should not be taken lightly.

As the Medical Director for the EMS Programs at South Florida State College, it is my responsibility to insure the instruction you receive while enrolled in this program meets the requirements set forth by the State of Florida, as well as the EMT-Paramedic National Education Standards and Florida Department of Education Curriculum Frameworks. In conjunction with the SFSC EMS Advisory Committee, I have approved the use of the Brady *Paramedic Care, Principles and Practice 4th edition* for use during your enrollment in this program.

I have approved the content of this application, as well as the ***SFSC EMS Program Student Handbook*** and ***SFSC EMS Programs Policies and Procedures***. Please note that you are responsible for your actions.

I am looking forward to working beside you as you endeavor to study in the EMS field. I am available to you for instruction, comments, and feedback during your enrollment in the EMT-Paramedic Program at SFSC. I also hope that you will continue your education and training in the AS Degree in Emergency Medical Services Program.

Enjoy your experience, and once again thank you.

Sincerely:

Donald B. Geldart, MD
Medical Director, SFSC



EMT-Paramedic Program Admissions Requirements

Print this application. All criteria will be fulfilled and documentation complete and returned to the Health Sciences Staff Assistant prior to Program start date.

All required information and forms are listed on our college website, southflorida.edu.

MANDATORY ADMISSIONS PACKET ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of State of Florida Driver's License (Attachment 1).
2. Copy of current CPR Card. **MUST BE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING** (Attachment 2).
 - a. American Heart Association "Professional Rescuer"
 - b. American Red Cross "CPR for the Professional Rescuer"
3. Proof of completing a State of Florida approved EMT-Basic training program.
4. Before the end of the Fall Semester, you must pass and produce proof of a valid State of Florida EMT-Basic certification.

Priority for admission will be given as noted below:

Currently employed with Rural EMS or Fire Rescue department.	40 points
Resume and Essay.	10 points
College Degree (25 points) Core Classes for AS Degree in EMS.	25 points
Interview	10 points
EMS/Rescue Experience	<u>15 points</u>
Total	100 points

After evaluation of the applications by the EMS Programs Staff and Medical Director, the 18 applicants scoring the highest point value will be allowed entrance into the Paramedic Program.

After registration and payment of fees, the student must complete a background check according to the SFSC Health Sciences Background Check Policy. Students who are unable to attend this program as a result of the background check will forfeit his/her acceptance in the program. Any cost associated with the background check will NOT be refunded.

After registration and payment of fees, the student must submit to a 10 panel drug screening. Students who are unable to attend this program as a result of a positive drug screening will forfeit his/her acceptance in the program. Any cost associated with the drug screening will NOT be refunded.

Please provide copies as attachments and not originals. Completed packets will become property of the SFSC EMS Department. All information in this packet is to be used by staff only and is held in the strictest of confidence. Thank you for your honesty.

EQUAL ACCESS/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - SFSC pledges to provide equal access to education and employment opportunity to all regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital status, political affiliation, and sexual orientation. The college adheres to federal and state laws that control equal access/equal opportunity. This pledge covers all aspects of the educational and employment relationship with our students and employees. If you have concerns regarding this pledge, address them to the EA/EO student coordinator, (863) 784-7107.

The following staff members have been assigned to assist in ensuring that you have access to the college's programs, services, and facilities. Please contact these individuals, if you require assistance.

Dr. Timothy Wise, Dean of Student Services
EA/EO Student Coordinator
(863) 784-7107, Building B, 2nd Floor
Timothy.Wise@southflorida.edu

NOTE: Staff located at 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825.



SFSC Paramedic Program Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q How long is the course?
A 1200 contact hours (11 months)
- Q What is the class schedule?
A The class is scheduled on a “shift-friendly” basis. Due to the fact the most EMT-Basic jobs are scheduled on a 24 hour on duty and 48 hours off-duty, class is scheduled accordingly. The decision as to what shift the class will be scheduled is based on the majority of the students enrolled. All class days are scheduled from 9am-5pm.
- Q Does the class times include lab, clinical, and field internship?
A The class times include laboratory, but hospital clinical and field internship are scheduled outside of normal class hours.
- Q What is Hospital Clinical Experience?
A It is a series of 10-12 hour shifts spent in the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, Operating Room, and Obstetric Units of local hospitals. During these shifts you will perform assessments and skills learned in class and lab on patients in these areas. This portion of the training is under the direct supervision of a Program Preceptor (Total 120 hours).
- Q What is Field Internship?
A It is a series of 8-12 hour shifts that you ride on an ambulance and function in the capacity of a Paramedic under the direct supervision of a Program Preceptor (468 hour minimum).
- Q Can I have a criminal record and still be a Paramedic in the State of Florida?
A It is possible to have a criminal history and be certified as a Paramedic in the State of Florida. All Paramedic students who complete the Program have to apply with the State of Florida in order to take the Florida Certification Exam. The contact information for this agency is listed below:
- State of Florida, Bureau of EMS: www.fl-ems.com (1-850-245-4440)
- Q Can I have a bad driving record and work as a Paramedic?
A Driving is a very important aspect of the Paramedic job and prospective employers will not look favorably on a poor driving record.
- Q What are the physical requirements of the Paramedic Program?
A Students should have manual dexterity to be able to perform minute tasks with both hands and be able to lift and carry 100 pounds. You will be required to have a physical examination with a physician signature stating that you are physically capable of performing the tasks of a Paramedic. For further information regarding the “Functional Job Analysis” for paramedics, visits the “Link” on the next page “National Standard Curriculum/Functional Job analysis”.
- Q What is the cost for the class?
A Approximately \$1,500.00/Semester (including books and uniform). Total cost approximately \$5,500.00.
- Q Is financial aid available?
A Contact the SFSC Financial Aid Department: www.southflorida.edu or (863 –784-7254)

Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic

Purpose: This course is the third step in the training of pre-hospital care professionals. This course is designed to train persons for the occupation of Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. This training is geared for the advanced life support level.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this program, the student will:

1. Recognize the nature and seriousness of a patient's illness/injury in order to accurately administer the proper emergency medical care on an EMT-Paramedic level of training.
2. Administer appropriate emergency care based on their training to stabilize the patient's condition.
3. Lift, move, position, and otherwise handle the movement of the patient in such a way as to minimize further injury or illness.
4. Fulfill all written and practical objectives as required by the USDOT National Standards Curriculum.
5. Be eligible to take the State of Florida EMT-Paramedic State Board Exam.

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Attendance Policy:

See SFSC EMS Programs Student Handbook.

Course Completion Requirements

See SFSC EMS Programs Student Handbook.

Clinical criteria for completion:

See SFSC EMS Programs Student Handbook.

Required Equipment:

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| *Paramedic Text & Workbook | * Uniform (SFSC Issued) & Watch |
| *Stethoscope, penlight, bandage shears | * Personal Protective Equipment, provided |

On-Line Resources:

Admission as a student at SFSC:

<http://www.southflorida.edu/student/services/admissions>

EMT-Paramedic Program Description:

<http://www.southflorida.edu/academic/programs/emergency/3042/Default.aspx>

EMT-Paramedic Program Application/Application Process:

<http://www.southflorida.edu/academic/alliedhealth/flowcharts/EMT-Paramedic.aspx>

National Standard Curriculum/Functional Job analysis:

<http://www.ems.gov/education/nationalstandardandncs.html>

State of Florida certification requirements:

<http://www.fl-ems.com>

**South Florida State College
EMS Program
Paramedic Student Application**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL ENTRIES:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____
PO Box or Street City State Zip Code

Home Telephone: _____

SFSC Student ID#: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Emergency Telephone: _____

Please list reason(s) for applying to the program: _____

I certify that all information on this application is correct. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide all necessary documentation required to process this application, including proof of residency and official transcripts.

Signature of Student



Emergency Medical Service Program

STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT, THE APPLICANT, TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE, DOES NOT HAVE ANY PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL CONDITION THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH HIS/HER ABILITY TO PERFORM RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN EMT.

Sign the statement in the presence of a Notary.

I _____ hereby swear and attest that:

I am free from addiction to alcohol or any other controlled substance.

To the best of my knowledge, do not know of any physical and/or mental condition that would impair and/or interfere with my ability to perform the required duties of an EMT.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

_____ day of _____, 20____

Proof of Identity:

☐ State of Florida Driver's License # _____

☐ This person signing this document is personally known to me

Notary Public State of Florida at Large



Emergency Medical Service Program

STUDENT FAILURE TO DEMONSTRATE ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

Sign the statement in the presence of a Notary.

This agreement is provided to insure that all students have been informed about SFSC EMS Program's right to remove students whose conduct is unacceptable as described in the EMS Program Rules and Regulations.

I _____ (print name) understand that my enrollment in the EMS Program may be discontinued at any time if, in the professional judgment of the EMS Program Manager, Associate Dean of Allied Health, Dean of Applied Sciences and Technologies, the Coordinator/Nurse Manager (clinical rotations), or EMS System Administrator, I demonstrate unsuitability for a career in EMS (attitudes toward personnel and/or patients, criminal activities, inability to set priorities, inaccuracy, carelessness, or lack of manual dexterity, etc.). The Hospital or EMS administration to which I am assigned for clinical experience has the right to request SFSC to with-draw me from its facilities, if my conduct or work with patients, family, personnel or others is not in accordance with acceptable standards of performance.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

_____ Day of _____, 20____

Proof of Identity:

☐ State of Florida Driver's License # _____

☐ This person signing this document is personally known to me

Notary Public State of Florida at Large