



CERTIFICATE

Emergency Medical Services



Paramedic Certificate Program

Minimum requirements checklist

Please complete the following items as soon as possible and refer to the Emergency Medical Services Web site for program information.

Program begins in January and August.

- Completion of St. Petersburg College Admission Application and the non-refundable fee.
- Submission of official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcript. Unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened are not acceptable. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, baccalaureate, or higher degree from an accredited institution are waived from this requirement.
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- Completion of placement testing and all college preparatory work. Applicants who have credits earned in mathematics, composition, and/or reading may be waived from the placement test.
- If previously or currently enrolled at SPC, academically in good standing and have a cumulative 2.0 GPA.
- Submission of state Emergency Medical Technician certificate with the Health Programs Application.

Within 90 days of the start of the first specialty course:

- Successful passing of a background check and drug screening.
- Completion of the Health Examination Form and any required immunizations.
- Attendance at the Student Services Orientation and the Paramedic Orientation.

For more information, contact:

727-341-3656

www.spcollege.edu/hec/ems

Paramedic Career opportunities:

Paramedics are a mainstay in companies or agencies operating emergency vehicles that respond to traffic accidents, fires, explosions, cave-ins, emergency rescue calls and other life-threatening situations. Some also assist in patient care in hospitals and doctors' offices, with specific instruction and supervision.

This certificate prepares paramedics, who perform advanced life support, and deliver pre-hospital life support care and transportation necessary for victims of accidents and emergency illness. Successful completion means eligibility to take the state of Florida examination for certification or the national registry exam for certification as a paramedic.

Job market:

There is a shortage both statewide and nationally for EMTs and paramedics. The job market is especially lucrative for those who also are fire-certified.

Salary range:

Starting local salary is \$30,000-50,000

Program highlights:

Paramedic students participate in lectures and labs at the Health Education Center. Clinicals are accomplished in various Pinellas County emergency centers, hospitals, community and fire/EMS agencies. A field internship is accomplished through Pinellas County fire and EMS agencies.

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PROGRAM COURSES

BSC 1084C	^a Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	2
EMS2600C	Introduction to Paramedic Practice.....	3
EMS1522C	General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider	2
EMS 2601	Paramedic Theory I	6
EMS 2601L	Paramedic Laboratory I.....	3
EMS 2602	Paramedic Theory II.....	8
EMS 2602L	Paramedic Laboratory II.....	4
EMS 2664	Paramedic Clinical I.....	3
EMS 2665	Paramedic Clinical II.....	2
EMS 2659	Paramedic Field Internship.....	5

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 42 credits

^a Can substitute BSC 2085/2085L and 2086/2086L

Time for completion:

Four terms (14 months)

Program accreditation:

The EMS Program is accredited by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Progression:

Many paramedics continue on with fire certification, advanced degrees in EMS, or other allied health programs.

St Petersburg College Paramedic Certificate Program Minimum Requirements Checklist

Curriculum

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Important Information Links

SPC Homepage

www.spcollege.edu

Health Education Center Homepage

www.spcollege.edu/HEC

St. Petersburg College Admission Application

<http://www.spjc.edu/webcentral/forms/apply.htm>

Health Programs Admissions Application

<https://www1.spjc.edu/hec/application/login.php>

Paramedic Curriculum

<http://www.spcollege.edu/program/PMED-CT>

Financial Assistance Services

<http://www.spcollege.edu/central/SSFA/HomePage/index.htm>

Office of Services for Students with Disabilities

<http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/catalog/Current/ossd.htm>

New Initiative Program (NIP)

www.spcollege.edu/HEC/nip

Transcript Request Form

www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/forms/hs_trans.pdf

Essential Functions Checklist

<http://www.spcollege.edu/HEC/EMS/ess.funct.ems.pdf>

Drug and Background Screening Policy

<http://www.spcollege.edu/hec/StudentActivities/background.htm>