

Emergency Medical Services (BS)

Degree Requirements

Bachelor Of Science In Emergency Medical Services Program

Students graduating from USA's Paramedic certificate program, as well as licensed Paramedics from other educational institutions, may continue their education at USA and complete a Bachelor of Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services. The baccalaureate program is designed to provide graduates of the certificate program with an opportunity to expand their careers in Emergency Medical Services as administrators, educators and Critical Care Paramedics, or continue their graduate educations into other medical or allied health fields.

Admissions

General admission to the University is required for all levels of EMS education. Additionally, admission to all EMS programs is contingent upon a satisfactory background check and drug screen. The following are admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree program:

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- All incoming international students into the EMS programs must have passed the TOFEL exam with a minimum combined score of 80 IBT (Internet Based Testing)
- Academic advising prior to admission to any certificate level. Completion of all healthcare, administrative and documentation requirements.
- Completion of all mandatory requirements at least one week prior to the beginning of the semester.
- Evidence of a current State of Alabama EMT license prior to admission to AEMT program.
- Evidence of a current State of Alabama AEMT license prior to admission to Paramedic program.
- The following are admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree program.
- Evidence of successful completion of a nationally accredited or State approved paramedic program, or currently enrolled in the EMS program at the University of South Alabama.
- Evidence of a current state paramedic license or national certification.
- Official transcript or documentation which indicates the successful completion of at least 32 semester hours of paramedic credit (or its equivalent).
- Submission of departmental application per University admission policy including a \$50 application fee.
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 in all prerequisite courses and a minimum university GPA of 2.0.
- Submission of a one to two page written essay explaining professional goals and career aspirations.

Admission To Paramedic To B.S. In EMS Track

The Department of EMS Education has a track designed especially for licensed Paramedics who obtained their paramedic education elsewhere. In addition to meeting all other admissions requirements, students in this track are required to take a six hour bridge course. Upon completion of the bridge course, up to 40 semester hours of credit will be awarded for the student's previous paramedic training during the final semester before graduation.

Progression And Completion Policies

To progress throughout the certificate program, a minimum final grade of 80% (or satisfactory, if applicable) must be achieved in each course. The State of Alabama mandates the National Registry of EMT's examination at the EMT, and Paramedic levels of practice. Only those students who have met all academic requirements of the certificate program will be eligible for their respective National Registry examination.

Students unable to satisfactorily complete the final comprehensive examinations in EMS 297 will be required to repeat this course the following semester.

Students will be allowed to repeat any course only one time, and then only with the permission of the Program Director.

In accordance with State EMS Rules, each student must be a state licensed EMT prior to beginning AEMT instruction, and a licensed AEMT prior to beginning paramedic instruction.

All other criteria for progression will be listed in each course syllabus and will be mandatory.

Class And Clinical Internships

Attendance is mandatory. Those students who have conflicts regarding attendance will be asked to transfer to programs more suited to their schedules.

Expenses

Students enrolled in EMS clinical courses must maintain current CPR certification and must keep all immunizations current. Each semester of education; EMT (one semester), AEMT (one semester) and Paramedic (three semesters) have clinical components and current immunization status will be reviewed prior to the beginning of each semester by the Clinical Coordinator to prevent unprotected exposure to communicable diseases during clinical activity. Students are responsible for all personal health care expenses including expenses resulting from injury or accident, etc., while the student is engaged in learning experiences required by the EMS Department. Therefore, all students are responsible for the purchase and maintenance of current and adequate health care insurance. All students are charged once a year for professional liability insurance. Students are responsible for all travel expenses to clinical sites and classes at the University. Students are responsible for the purchase of uniforms and required clinical equipment and supplies. Students are also responsible for costs related to drug testing and criminal background checks required to be current and/or updated prior to advancement to each subsequent level of education. Tuition and fees are set by the University of South Alabama, upon approval of the Board of Trustees.

Background Examination

Those students accepted into the clinical components of EMT, AEMT and Paramedic will be required to have a drug test and a background examination via an EMS Department designated vendor before beginning classes. Admission will be withdrawn for a student testing positive on their drug test. Admission may be withdrawn for students who in the judgment of the Dean and the Department Chair has been convicted of offenses or have pending criminal charges that would not be acceptable to our clinical agencies. Random drug screens or testing for reasonable suspicion are conducted. Students must submit to drug testing for controlled substances and background examinations as requested. Failure to submit to testing or a positive drug test and/or unsuitable background examination will result in the student's dismissal from the program.

Professional Accreditation

The Department's Paramedic Program is fully accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the Committee on

Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP).

Graduation Plan

Freshman Year	Credit Hours
First Semester	13
EH 101	3 hrs
Any LAB science	4 hrs
HY*	3 hrs
Fine Arts Elective	3 hrs
Second Semester	19
EH 102	3 hrs
Any Lab Science	4 hrs
SY 109	3 hrs
MA 110 or 112	3 hrs

Humanities Elective	3 hrs
CA 110	3 hrs

Sophomore Year		Credit Hours
First Semester		17
Literature*	3 hrs	
PSY 120	3 hrs	
EMS 112	6 hrs	
EMS 113	1 hr	
EMS 115	1 hr	
EMS 210	3 hrs	
Second Semester		15
2nd HY or Lit*	3 hrs	
EMS 200	3 hrs	
EMS 140	6 hrs	
EMS 141	1 hr	
EMS 143	2 hrs	

Junior Year		Credit Hours
First Semester		15
MGT 300	3 hrs	
EMS 212	3 hrs	
EMS 214	3 hrs	
EMS 216	3 hrs	
EMS 217	3 hrs	
Second Semester		12
EMS 240	3 hrs	
EMS 242	3 hrs	
EMS 244	3 hrs	
EMS 245	1 hr	
EMS 247	2 hrs	

Senior Year		Credit Hours
First Semester		19
EMS 295	6 hrs	
EMS 297	1 hr	
EMS 310	3 hrs	
EMS 315	3 hrs	

EMS 320	3 hrs	
EMS 460	3 hrs	
Second Semester		16
EMS 325	3 hrs	
EMS 340	3 hrs	
EMS 440	3 hrs	
EMS 445	3 hrs	
EMS 475	3 hrs	
EMS 495	1 hr	
Total Credits		126

*Must complete a two semester series of either Literature or History.

Fine Arts Elective - 1 course. Acceptable include: ARH 100, 103, 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, or MUL 101

Literature Elective* - 1 course. Acceptable include: EH 215, 216, 225, 226, 235, or 236

Humanities Elective* - 1 course. Acceptable include: AFR 101, AIS 105, ARH 100, 103, 123, ARS 101, 121, 123, 124,, DRA 110, EH 216, 225, 226, 235, 236, LG 211, 212, 231, 232, 251, 252, 271, 272, LGS 202, 206, LGS 207, 221, 222, 241, 242, MUL 101, PHL 110, 121, 131, 231, or 240

Lab Science* - 2 courses. Acceptable include: BLY 101/101L, 102/102L, 121/121L, 122/122L, CH 101/101L, 103/103L, 132/132L, 141/141L, GEO 101/101L, 102/102L, GY 111, 112, PH 101, 114, 115, 201, 202.

History Elective * - 1 course. Acceptable include: HY 101, 102, 135, or 136

Social Science Elective* - 1 course. AIS 201, AN 100, 101, CA 100, 211, ECO 215, 216, GEO 114, 115, HY 101, 102, 135, HY 136, IS 100, PSC 130, PSY 121, 250,, SY 112

*Must complete a 2 course sequence in Literature or History

Acceptable sequences are: EH 215 and 216 or EH 225 and 226 or EH 235 and 236 or HY 101 and 102 or HY 135 and 136

Requirements For A Minor In Emergency Medical Services

A minimum of 24 credits in Emergency Medical Services including EMS 112, EMS 113, EMS 115, EMS 140, EMS 141, EMS 143, EMS 200 or BMD 115 and EMS 210.

Department Information

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Academic Advisors	Brooks,	
Part-time Instructors	Payne	

Clinical Faculty

McKenna

CME Coordinator

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Department of Emergency Medical Services Education website
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/ems/index.html>

The Department of EMS Education prepares students for careers in Emergency Medical Services. To meet the expanding role of prehospital providers, the Department of EMS Education offers three certificate programs, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Services.