

Paramedic Certificate Program

Degree Requirements

The EMT certificate program can be completed in one academic semester and is a prerequisite to the Advanced EMT (AEMT) certificate program. The AEMT certificate program can be completed in one academic semester and is a prerequisite to the Paramedic certificate program. The Paramedic certificate program can be completed in three academic semesters. Together, these programs can be completed in five semesters. Students may, however, elect to complete only the EMT level of education, or the AEMT level of education.

After successful completion of each level of education, the student is eligible to sit for the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) certification examination. Successful completion of this examination is mandatory for licensure to practice in the State of Alabama. State licensure as an EMT is required to apply for AEMT education. State licensure as an AEMT is required to apply for Paramedic education.

Those who complete any level of education and licensure are qualified to work in escalating roles (by level) in many areas of out-of-hospital emergency medical care, including ambulance services, fire rescue departments, and industrial health and safety settings.

Paramedic Certificate Program	Course Title	Credit Hours
Paramedic Certificate Program		31 (3 Semesters)
First Semester		12
EMS 212	Foundations of Paramedicine	3 hrs
EMS 214	Introduction to EMS Cardiology	3 hrs
EMS 216	Paramedic Assessment and Operations	3 hrs
EMS 217	Paramedic Clinical Internship I	3 hrs
Second Semester		12
EMS 240	Special Populations	3 hrs
EMS 242	Paramedic Emergency Care I	3 hrs
EMS 244	Paramedic Emergency Care II	3 hrs
EMS 245	Paramedic Skills Lab	1 hr
EMS 247	Paramedic Clinical Internship II	2 hrs
Third Semester		7
EMS 295	Paramedic Field Internship	6 hrs
EMS 297	Comprehensive Review and Exams	1 hr

Special Notes

Academic advising is required of all new and existing students prior to each semester. It is the responsibility of each student to schedule an advising session with the academic faculty advisor prior to registration each semester.

Department Information

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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.