***Note required information:*** *Program or certificate changes require a change to the catalog page. All change of program or certificate proposals must include the new catalog page, with all proposed changes, at the end of this document. All changes that affect the courses, words, numbers, symbols, program description, admissions requirements, and graduation requirements as presented in the 2014-2015 catalog must be documented. Note before completing this proposal that all new courses and current prerequisite, corequisite, core, or elective courses changes must have already been reviewed (or submitted for the same meeting) by the Curriculum Committee and approved by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Track Changes feature in Word must be used to illustrate all changes to the catalog page.*

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| **School or Division** | School of Health Professions |
| **Program or Certificate** | AS, Emergency Medical Services Technology |
| **Proposed by (faculty only)** | Jeff Ziomek, Harrison Davis |
| **Presenter (faculty only)** | Joseph Washburn, Program Director |
| Note that the presenter (faculty) listed above must be present at the Curriculum Committee meeting or the proposal will be returned to the School or Division and be resubmitted for a later date. |
| **Submission date** | 2/3/2016 |

**Section I, Proposed Changes**

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| **Change of School, Division, or Department** | List new school, division, or department |
| **Change to program or certificate name** | List new program or certificate name |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate prerequisites. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| Credits from the EMT and Paramedic College Credit Certificate are part of this AS degree. Based upon changes in these 2 programs, the AS degree must be revised.  |
| **List below, any changes to the General Education requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| 1. BSC1084C has been removed as a program Core requirement. 2. BSC 1085C or 1093C Anatomy & Physiology I (Paramedic Semester 1 of 4) and BSC 1086C or 1094C Anatomy & Physiology II (Paramedic Semester 2 of 4) are now required courses in the program. These courses must be concurrent with program enrollment or must have been previously completed; within 5 years of program acceptance and with a grade of C or higher.3. Students who Articulate credits from non-FSW programs into the AS degree will be required to meet the minimum AS degree General Education, 15 credits. The remaining credits for the degree may come from Electives. |

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| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Core requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| 1. EMS 2522 General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider has been added to the curriculum.2. EMS Didactic, Laboratory, Clinical Experience, Field Experience, and Field Internship courses have been sequenced according to the new National Curriculum for Paramedic and according to the 2015 accreditation standards for Paramedics, effective January 1, 2016; outlined by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).3. The total Paramedic CCC credits remain unchanged at 42 hours but the length of the program has increased from 3 to 4 semesters to meet the rigor of the new national guidelines and accreditation standards for this profession.4. The EMT CCC curriculum framework has been revised from 11 credits to 12 credits. |
| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Elective requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| N/A. |
| **List below, any other changes to the program or certificate requirements.**  |
| All EMS course numbers and titles have been changed using the SCNS matrix as a point of reference. See catalog page attached. |
| **Change to program length (credits or clock hours to complete)** | From: 3 semesters, 42 creditsTo: 4 semesters, 42 credits |

**Section II, Justification for proposal**

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| **Provide justification (below) for each change on this proposed curriculum action**  |
| The 1998 National guidelines for the Paramedic curriculum has been updated with 2009 National guidelines. The Paramedic accreditation agency (CoAEMSP) also revised its standards for Paramedic training programs in 2015 which became effective January 1, 2016. The Florida Department of Health EMS Bureau announced that effective January 1, 2016, Paramedic candidates must take the NREMT exam to gain Florida certification. In the past, Paramedics were only required to take a state-level exam. CoAEMSP site visit in December 2015 to the EMS Program verified that the rigor and sequencing of the FSW Paramedic program would need to be aligned to these new national guidelines.  |

**Section III, Important Dates and Endorsements Required**

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| **List all faculty endorsements below. (Note that proposals will be returned to the School or Division if faculty endorsements are not provided).** |
| Jeff Ziomek, Harrison Davis  |

**nOTE:** Changes for the Fall 2016 term must be submitted to the Dropbox by the February 5, 2016 deadline and approved no later than the March 4, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting. Changes during mid-school year are NOT permitted. Extreme circumstances will require approval from the appropriate Dean or Associate Vice President as well as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs to begin in either the Spring 2016 or Summer 2016 term.

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| **Term in which approved action will take place** | Fall 2016 |

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| **Required Endorsements** | **Type in Name** | **Select Date** |
| **Department Chair or Program Coordinator/Director** | Joseph Washburn | 2/3/2016 |
| **Academic Dean or Associate Vice President** | Dr. Marie Collins | 2/3/2016 |

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| **Select Curriculum Committee Meeting Date** | March 4, 2016 |

Completed curriculum proposals must be uploaded to Dropbox by the deadline. Please refer to the *Curriculum Committee Calendar* document available in the document manager in the FSW Portal:

* Document Manager
* VP Academic Affairs
* Curriculum Process Documents

**Important Note to Faculty, Department Chairs or Program Coordinators, and Deans or an Associate Vice President:**

Incomplete proposals or proposals requiring corrections will be returned to the School or Division. If a proposal is incomplete or requires multiple corrections, the proposal will need to be completed or corrected and **resubmitted to the Dropbox for the next Curriculum Committee meeting**. All Curriculum proposals require approval of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Final approval or denial of a proposal is reflected on the completed and signed Summary Report.

**Include complete new catalog page below.**

**Emergency Medical Services Technology, AS**

The Associate of Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services Technology is designed for those holding Florida license in Emergency Medical Technician and Florida license in Paramedic who want to advance their education from the certificate to the associate’s degree level. Advancement from the certificate to the associate’s degree level may allow for continued growth and more opportunities in the health professions as well as promote a career pathway to the baccalaureate degree in a related field of study such as supervision or management.

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics. Paramedics have additional advanced training to perform more difficult pre‑hospital medical procedures. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, drowning, childbirth, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs and paramedics provide this vital attention as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility. Current occupational employment and wages data for Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics are published by the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics at [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292041.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292041.htm).

**Emergency Medical Technician** - **Basic (EMT)** The Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT) Florida license represents industry acknowledgement of technical skill attainment of competencies in the Emergency Medical Services program. The Emergency Medical Technician–Basic (EMT) Florida license shall articulate **twelve (12) college credit hours** in the AS degree in Emergency Medical Services upon evidence of current Florida Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT) license.

**Paramedic** - The Florida license in Paramedic represents industry acknowledgement of technical skill attainment of competencies in the Emergency Medical Services program. The Paramedic Florida license shall articulate **thirty-eight (38) college credit hours** in the AS degree in Emergency Medical Services upon evidence of current Florida Paramedic license.

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OPPORTUNITY:**

Florida SouthWestern State College also offers a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Public Safety Administration and a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Supervision and Management. Graduates of the AS degree program in Emergency Medical Services Technology may enroll in these degree programs and complete remaining courses to earn the baccalaureate degree. For more information, please contact the School of Business and Technology.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

The criteria for admission are available at [www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asems](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asems). Please contact the School of Health Professions EMS Office at (239) 489-9392 if there are questions about the program or application process. Requirements for completion of the AS degree in Emergency Medical Services include Florida EMT license and Florida Paramedic license. See catalog pages for more information on those licensure requirements. To receive EMT-basic and Paramedic articulated college credit hours, the student must be currently enrolled at Florida SouthWestern State College and seeking the EMST, AS degree. All General Education and EMST Core Coursework and all college residency requirements must be completed prior to graduation and prior to the award of the EMST, AS degree. General Education requirements may be completed concurrently with career core requirements, or following successful Florida Paramedic licensure.

**AS, Emergency Medical Services Technology Program of Study (73 credits)**

*All courses for the AS degree must be completed with a grade of C or higher.*

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| **General Education Requirements**  | **15 credits**  |
| ENC 1101 Composition I, must complete with a “C” or better | 3 credits, writing intensive |
| Any Humanities General Education Course | 3  |
| PSY 2012 Introduction to Psychology | 3  |
| Any Mathematics General Education Course  | 3  |
| Any Natural Sciences General Education Course | 3  |
| **Electives** Any 1000-2000 level courses to complete the remaining credits required for the 73-credit degree |  |

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| **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Core Courses**  | **12 credits**  |
| EMS 2119 Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care | 6  |
| EMS 2119L Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care Lab | 5  |
| EMS 2421L Emergency Medical Technician Practicum | 1  |
| **Paramedic Core Courses**  | **42 credits**  |
| BSC 1085C or BSC 1093C Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| BSC 1086C or BSC 1094C Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| EMS 2522 General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider | 2 |
| EMS 2600 Introduction to Paramedics | 3 |
| EMS 2601 Paramedic Theory I | 6 |
| EMS 2601L Paramedic Laboratory I | 3 |
| EMS 2602 Paramedic Theory II | 6 |
| EMS 2602L Paramedic Laboratory II | 3 |
| EMS 2646L Paramedic Clinical Experience | 2 |
| EMS 2648L Paramedic Field Experience | 2 |
| EMS 2661L Paramedic Field Internship | 5 |
| EMS 2677L Paramedic Laboratory III | 2 |

**Statewide Articulation Agreement** – the following licenses will articulate credit towards the AS Emergency Medical Services Technology degree.Upon program approval and verification of current Florida EMT license and current Florida Paramedic license, professional articulation credit will be assigned for these 50 hours in the final semester of the EMST Program and noted on the transcript with a grade of Satisfactory (S).

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| **Emergency Medical Technician Florida License** | **12 credits** |
| **Paramedic Florida License** | **38 credits** |

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