***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** | CCC, Paramedic |
| **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** | 2/5/2016 |

**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.** |
| N/A  |
| **List below, any changes to the General Education requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.** |
| N/A |

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| **List below, any changes to the program or certificate Core 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. EMS 2522 General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider has been added to the curriculum.4. 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).5. 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.6. Academic Standards for the Paramedic program are described. A grade of C or higher is required in each course to progress in the Paramedic program. Courses in the Paramedic curriculum may be repeated a maximum of two times. After a second unsuccessful attempt, the student must reapply and restart the curriculum. This will ensure that students do not have a detrimental time lapses in currency of curriculum content and laboratory practice. |
| **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.  |
| **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 | 2/5/2016 |
| **Academic Dean or Associate Vice President** | Dr. Marie Collins | 2/5/2016 |

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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.**

**Paramedic, CCC**

Graduates of the Paramedic College Credit Certificate (CCC) Program are prepared to become a licensed Paramedic in the field of emergency medical services. Upon successful completion of this program, the student will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Florida SouthWestern State College and the necessary instruction required to sit for the National Registry Paramedic (NRP) examination.

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) 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.

Purchase of professional liability insurance is required and included in the program cost. Uniforms are required in all EMS classes and at the clinical sites. During the Paramedic Program, students will be required to complete clinical rotations in local hospital settings and internships with area EMS providers. These clinical rotations are in addition to scheduled lecture and laboratory hours. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the clinical and internship sites. The total Paramedic Certification Program length is four (4) semesters and 42 credit hours.

Current occupational employment and wages data for 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).

**ACCREDITATION:**

The Florida SouthWestern State College Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Fall Semester Start –** Application due by **June 30**

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The Paramedic Certificate Program has limited enrollment due to the rigorous clinical education requirements for the program. Acceptance to Florida SouthWestern State College does not imply acceptance into the Paramedic Certificate program. Each applicant must meet specific criteria which are listed in the admission policies. The Criteria for Admission Policies are available through the program office or through the School of Health Professions office at (239)489-9392. Admission applications are located at [www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/certparamedic](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/certparamedic).

Pre-admission requirements include satisfactory completion of the following:

* Current Florida Emergency Medical Technician certification OR eligibility for EMT license if a new EMT graduate;
* Must have Florida EMT license prior to enrolling in Paramedic Theory I.
* College-approved criminal records check and drug testing at the applicant’s expense.

After acceptance, students must complete the following:

* Immunization and health report
* Tuberculosis Screening Test
* Current Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED).

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

* A grade of C or higher is required in each course for progression in the Paramedic curriculum.
* Courses in the Paramedic curriculum may be repeated a maximum of two times. After a second unsuccessful attempt, the student must reapply and restart the curriculum.

**PARAMEDIC, CCC PROGRAM OF STUDY**

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| **FIRST SEMESTER** |
| BSC 1085C **or** BSC 1093C | Anatomy and Physiology I  | 4  |
| EMS 2600 | Introduction to Paramedics  | 3 |
| EMS 2522 | General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider | 2 |
|  |  | **9 credits** |

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| **SECOND SEMESTER** |  |
| BSC 1086C **or** BSC 1094C | Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| EMS 2601 | Paramedic Theory I | 6 |
| EMS 2601L | Paramedic Laboratory I | 3 |
|  |  | **13 credits** |
| **THIRD SEMESTER** |  |
| EMS 2602 | Paramedic Theory II | 6 |
| EMS 2602L | Paramedic Laboratory II | 3 |
| EMS 2646L | Paramedic Clinical Experience | 2 |
| EMS 2648L | Paramedic Field Experience | 2 |
|  |  | **13 credits** |
| **FOURTH SEMESTER** |  |
| EMS 2661L | Paramedic Field Internship | 5 |
| EMS 2677L | Paramedic Laboratory III | 2 |
|  |  | **7 credits** |
| **TOTAL PARAMEDIC, CCC** | **42 credits** |

**Information is available online at:** [**www.fsw.edu/academics/**](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/) **and on the School of Health Professions Home page at:** [**www.fsw.edu/sohp**](http://www.fsw.edu/sohp)