**Paramedic Certificate**

Graduates of the Paramedic Certificate Program are prepared to become a credentialed Paramedic in the field of emergency medical services. Upon successful completion of the Paramedic Program, the EMS Department will issue to the student the necessary information required to submit to the Florida State EMS Office to apply for the Florida State Paramedic Certification 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, drownings, 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.

**NOTE:** Successful completion of Emergency Medical Technician coursework and certification are required BEFORE enrolling in coursework for the Paramedic Certificate. Eligibility requirements to take the Florida Paramedic exam include current certification as a Florida EMT and successful completion of the Paramedic Certificate Program coursework.

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 three semesters and 42 college 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 <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292041.htm>

**ACCREDITATION:**

The Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) under the auspices of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

**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 Edison 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

<http://www.edison.edu/academics/certparamedic/paramedic.php>

Pre-admission requirements include satisfactory completion of the following:

* Current Florida Emergency Medical Technician certification **OR** eligibility for EMT certification;
* Must have Florida EMT certification within 90 days of enrolling in EMS 2671
* College-approved criminal records check and drug testing at the applicant’s expense

After acceptance, students must complete the following:

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

**PARAMEDIC, CERTIFICATE PROGRAM OF STUDY:**

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| **FIRST SEMESTER** |
| BSC 1084C\* | Anatomy and Physiology  | 4 |
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| EMS 2654 | Paramedic Internship I  | 2 |
| EMS 2671 | Paramedic I | 3 |
| EMS 2671L | Paramedic I Lab | 2 |
| EMS 2672 | Paramedic II | 3 |
| EMS 2672L | Paramedic II Lab | 2 |
|  |  | **16 CREDIT HOURS** |
| **SECOND SEMESTER** |  |
| EMS 2655 | Paramedic Internship II | 2 |
| EMS 2673 | Paramedic III | 8 |
| EMS 2673L | Paramedic III Lab | 4 |
|  |  | **14 CREDIT HOURS** |
| **THIRD SEMESTER** |  |
| EMS 2649 | Paramedic Clinical | 4 |
| EMS 2656 | Paramedic Internship III | 4 |
| EMS 2674 | Paramedic IV | 3 |
| EMS 2674L | Paramedic IV Lab | 1 |
|  |  | **12 CREDIT HOURS** |
| **TOTAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, PARAMEDIC** | **42 CREDIT HOURS** |

* Students who have successfully completed BSC1093C and BSC1094C do not have to take BSC 1084C