

Curriculum Committee



Change of Program or Certificate Proposal

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 must be documented. Note before completing this proposal that all new courses and current prerequisite, co-requisite, 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. The Track Changes feature in Word must be used to illustrate all changes to the catalog page.

School or Division	School of Health Professions
Program or Certificate	Paramedic, College Credit Certificate
Proposed by (faculty only)	Joe Washburn, Jeff Ziomek, Christine Clemens, Joe Barry, Matt Stachler
Presenter (faculty only)	Joe Washburn
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	10/19/2016

Section I, Proposed Changes

Change of School, Division, or Department	N/A
Change to program or certificate name	N/A
List below, any changes to the program or certificate prerequisites. Include course titles and credits if applicable. The School of Health Professions requires that all Paramedic students have personal health insurance throughout enrollment in the program. Florida SouthWestern State College does not offer a health plan or other services related to a student's health care needs. Proof of insurance, naming the student and dates of coverage, must be provided. For information about enrolling in health insurance through the healthcare exchange and marketplace, please visit https://www.healthcare.gov/	

List below, any changes to the General Education requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.	
N/A	
List below, any changes to the program or certificate Core requirements. Include course titles and credits if applicable.	
N/A	
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.	
N/A	
Change to program length (credits or clock hours to complete)	From: N/A To:

Include complete new catalog page as an attachment. Proposals without the new catalog page will not be reviewed by the committee.

Section II, Justification for proposal

Include state frameworks, accrediting or professional organization recommendations or requirements, workforce data, and/or crosswalks.

Provide justification (below) for each change on this proposed curriculum action.
Clinical Sites, across the SWFL region, are now requiring that students show evidence of personal health insurance. Effective with new students entering School of Health Professions programs, effective Fall 2017 and thereafter, evidence of current personal health insurance must be provided.

Section III, Important Dates and Endorsements Required

List all faculty endorsements below. (Note that proposals will be returned to the School or Division if faculty endorsements are not provided).
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NOTE: Course and Program changes must be submitted by the dates listed on the published Curriculum Committee Calendar. Exceptions to the published submission deadlines must receive prior approval from the Provost's Office.

Term in which approved action will take place	Fall 2017
Provide an explanation below for the requested exception to the effective date.	
N/A	

Any exceptions to the term start date requires the signatures of the Academic Dean or Associate Vice President and the Provost prior to submission to the Dropbox.		
Dean or Associate Vice President	Signature	Date
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Provost	Signature	Date
Dr. Jeff Stewart		

Required Endorsements	Type in Name	Select Date
Department Chair or Program Coordinator/Director	Joe Washburn	10/19/2016
Academic Dean or Associate Vice President	Dr. Marie Collins	10/19/2016

All Curriculum proposals require approval of the Curriculum Committee and the Provost. Final approval or denial of a proposal is reflected on the completed and signed proposal.

Approve Do not approve

Don Randger

Curriculum Committee Chair Signature

1/6/17

Date

Approve Do not approve

Jeff Stewart

Provost Signature

1/10/17

Date

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, 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.

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.

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

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.
- Proof of personal health insurance throughout enrollment in the program, naming the student and dates of coverage

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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 Professionals (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

First Semester: 9 credits

- BSC 1085C - Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits

or

- BSC 1093C - Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits
- EMS 2522 - General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider 2 credits
- EMS 2600 - Introduction to Paramedics 3 credits

Second Semester: 13 credits

- BSC 1086C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits
- or
- BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits
 - EMS 2601 - Paramedic Theory I 6 credits
 - EMS 2601L - Paramedic Laboratory I 3 credits

Third Semester: 13 credits

- EMS 2602 - Paramedic Theory II 6 credits
- EMS 2602L - Paramedic Laboratory II 3 credits
- EMS 2646 - Paramedic Clinical Experience 2 credits
- EMS 2648 - Paramedic Field Experience 2 credits

Fourth Semester: 7 credits

- EMS 2661 - Paramedic Field Internship 5 credits
- EMS 2677L - Paramedic Laboratory III 2 credits

Total Paramedic, CCC: 42 Credit Hours

Information is available online at: www.fsw.edu/academics/ and on the School of Health Professions Home page at: www.fsw.edu/sohp

