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| **Emergency Medical Services Technology, AS** |
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Return to {$returnto_text} Return to: [Programs of Study](http://catalog.fsw.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1327)**Purpose**The Associate in Science (AS) in Emergency Medical Services Technology [EMST] is designed primarily for those holding Florida licenses in Emergency Medical Technician and/or Paramedic who want to advance their education from the certificate to the associate degree level. If not previously completed, students will earn the Emergency Medical Technician CCC and Paramedic CCC as a part of EMST, AS degree completion. This program allows for continued growth and opportunities in the health professions, and provides a career pathway to a baccalaureate degree in a related field of study such as supervision or management. People's lives often depend on the quick reactions 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, 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. Current occupational employment and wage 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%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).**Program Structure**This program is a planned sequence of instruction consisting of 73 credit hours in the following areas: 20 credit hours of General Education Requirements, 12 credit hours of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Requirements, 34 credit hours of Paramedic Requirements, and 7 credit hours of Electives.**Admission Requirements**The criteria for admission are available at [www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asems](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asems%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). Please contact the School of Health Professions EMS Office at (239) 489-9392 with questions about the program or application process. **Baccalaureate Degree Opportunity**Florida SouthWestern State College also offers a Bachelor in Applied Science (BAS) in Public Safety Administration and a Bachelor in Applied Science (BAS) in Supervision and Management. Graduates of the Emergency Medical Services Technology, AS program may enroll in either of these degree programs and complete remaining courses to earn a baccalaureate degree. For more information, please contact the School of Business and Technology.**Course Prerequisites*****Many courses require prerequisites.*** Check the description of each course in the list below for prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, and other restrictions. Students must complete all prerequisites for a course prior to registering for it.**Graduation** Students must fulfill all requirements of their program to be eligible for graduation. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Requirements for completion of the Emergency Medical Services Technology, AS degree program also include obtaining Florida EMT license and Paramedic Certificate completion. Students must indicate their intention to attend commencement ceremony by completing the Commencement Form by the published deadline. |
| **General Education Requirements: 20 Credit Hours*** [ENC 1101 - Composition I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **3 credits**
* General Education Core Humanities **3 credits**
* General Education Core Mathematics **3 credits**
* General Education Core Social Sciences (Students required by F.A.C. 6A-10.02413 to demonstrate Civic Literacy should take AMH 2020 or POS 2041) **3 credits**
* [BSC 1085C - Anatomy and Physiology I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **4 credits**

**OR**[BSC 1093C - Anatomy and Physiology I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **4 credits**                    * [BSC 1086C - Anatomy and Physiology II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **4 credits**

**OR**[BSC 1094C - Anatomy and Physiology II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **4 credits****Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Requirements: 12 Credit Hours** * [EMS 2119 - Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **6 credits**
* [EMS 2119L - Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care Lab - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **5 credits**
* [EMS 2421L - Emergency Medical Technician Practicum - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **1 credit**

**Paramedic Requirements: 34 Credit Hours** * [EMS 2522 - General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **2 credits**
* [EMS 2600 - Introduction to Paramedics](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **3 credits**
* [EMS 2600L - Introduction to Paramedics Lab](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **2 credits**
* [EMS 2601 - Paramedic Theory I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **6 credits**
* [EMS 2601L - Paramedic Laboratory I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **3 credits**
* [EMS 2602 - Paramedic Theory II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **6 credits**
* [EMS 2602L - Paramedic Laboratory II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **3 credits**
* [EMS 2646 - Paramedic Clinical Experience](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **2 credits**
* [EMS 2648 - Paramedic Field Experience](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **2 credits**
* [EMS 2661 - Paramedic Field Internship](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1431&returnto=1327) **5 credits**

**Electives: 7 Credit Hours*** Any 1000-2000 level courses **7 credits**

**Total Degree Requirements: 73 Credit Hours****Articulation Pathways****EMT Career Pathway**To be eligible for articulation, the student must show evidence of their current Clear/Active EMT licensure. Upon program approval, verification of current Florida EMT license, and review of previous coursework, professional articulation credit may be assigned for up to 12 credits in the final semester of the AS EMST degree. All required general education coursework, and core classes must be completed prior to awarding articulated credit and the AS Emergency Medical Services Technology degree.Students with clear/active EMT licensure may have all or part of the following credits articulated as needed based on the student’s previous coursework:* EMS 2119 – Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care **6 credits**
* EMS 2119L – Fundamentals of Emergency Medical Care Lab **5 credits**
* EMS 2421L – Emergency Medical Technician Practicum **1 credit**
* AEM 2999 – Articulation EMST **0-12 credits**

**Paramedic Career Pathway**To be eligible for articulation, the student must show evidence of their current Clear/Active Paramedic licensure. Upon program approval, verification of current Florida Paramedic license and review of previous coursework professional articulation credit may be assigned for up to 38 credits in the final semester of the AS EMST degree). All required general education coursework must be completed prior to awarding articulated credit and the AS Emergency Medical Services Technology degree. Students with clear/active Paramedic licensure may have all or part of the following credits articulated as needed based on the student’s previous coursework:* BSC 1085C – Anatomy and Physiology I **4 credits**
* EMS 2522 - General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider **2 credits**
* EMS 2600 - Introduction to Paramedics **3 credits**
* EMS 2600L - Introduction to Paramedics Lab **2 credits**
* EMS 2601 - Paramedic Theory I **6 credits**
* EMS 2601L - Paramedic Laboratory I **3 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**
* EMS 2661 - Paramedic Field Internship **5 credits**
* APM 2999 – Articulation Paramedic **0-38 credits**

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 25 percent (19 credits) of the required degree at Florida SouthWestern State College.**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) |