# Minutes

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| Department Meeting | October 31st, 20231:00pm – 1:50pm |

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| Attendees: | Cassie Billian, Megan Davis, Chris Clemens, Lynn DiSomma-Sentner, Gio Zamora, Ashlee V. (22-23 Paramedic Student), Madylynne M. (22-23 Paramedic Student) |

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| Topics:Proposed Curriculum Changes for EMT:EMS 2119L 120 hours – current credits 5 to be reduced to 4 to align with 3 hour to 1 credit requirement for clinical/field/labs.EMS 2421L 90 hours – current credits 1 to be increased to 2.Proposed Curriculum Changes for Paramedic:Removal of EMS 2522: General Pharmacology for the EMS provider. Topics will be embedded throughout the program. Add EMS 2677l Paramedic Laboratory III to final semester of Paramedic. Allows for solidification and reinforcement of psychomotor skills. Course will include comprehensive final and practical exams. Ensures students for are unsuccessful on finals do not have to retake EMS 2661 and repeat all of ride-time. 45 hours and 1 credit. EMS 2600L – reduction of hours from 60 to 45. Reduction in credits from 2 to 1. EMS 2600 – Increase in credits and hours from 45hrs and 3 credits to 75 hours and 5 credits (lecture to be taught blended with one hour being online). Respiratory topics added to EMS 2600 from EMS 2601Introduction to Pharm added to EMS 2600 from EMS 2522Goal was to ensure students have a minimum of 6 credits each semester to avoid any barriers to financial aid.EMS 2646 – Paramedic Clinical Experience – course is only 2 credits which means it should be a minimum of 90 hours. Course is currently 72 hours. Student will complete (2) OR rotations, (1) LARC, (2) Peds, (1) OB, (2) ED (1) ICU or something similar if space is limited. EMS 2602L – Reduction of hours and credits from 120 and 3 credits to 90 hours and 2 credits. Summer semester has only 22 class sessions. Hours moved to final semester. EMS 2648 – Paramedic Field Experience – currently 72 hours and 2 credits. 2 credit clinical/field/lab classes should meet for 90 hours. The proposal is 84 field hours and 6 lect/other hours to review SMC reports and schedule ride-time, PCR review – which is currently being done during lab.EMS 2661 – Paramedic Field Internship – currently 360 hours and 5 credits. To be increased to 365 hours and 6 credits. Current Course Descriptions to be realigned with changes.Course outlines are sparse and or not in alignment of course.Learning Objectives to be reviewed and improved to follow college expectations and meet FDOE, National, and US Dept of Transportation frameworks. Review General Education Competency links – there are concerns that some CLO’s do not align. Not every CLO needs to be linked to a GE competency. Questions/Concerns?Notes from Meeting:Program coordinators did not note any concerns regarding proposed changes. Students stated that the changes to EMS 2522 would allow them to understand the bigger picture of various medications more efficiently. They suggested that during EMS 2600 teaching intro to pharm topics such as routes and makeups would be beneficial. Students stated lab during the final semester would encourage the ability to put everything into practice and be given various scenarios from the entire program. They enjoyed the idea of a topic refresher and solidification of skills/material. Students gave suggestions on ICU shifts and importance of Gulf Coast Hospital trauma experience when discussing EMS 2646.Student asked if any of the changes would result in credits being less than half time. The answer is no.  |
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