

Emergency Medical Science - Admission Criteria

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Priority Deadline for Emergency Medical Science is October 31st. All application steps listed below must be completed prior to October 31st to be considered in the initial applicant pool. After the priority deadline, the program will move to rolling admissions until incoming cohort slots are filled.

- Follow the Steps to [Apply and Enroll](#).
- Meet the [Testing requirements](#) and complete all required transition/support courses.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 on the most recent academic transcript for the last 10 hours of college credit. If you do not have college credits, your cumulative grade point average will be taken from your high school transcript.
- This program has **SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS** and can only accept 20 students each year. Applicants will be evaluated based on the [Health Sciences Admissions Rubric](#) after the Priority Deadline. Although the TEAS test is NOT required for admissions to this program, it can increase the likelihood that a student will be accepted into the program. Please talk with your advisor to determine your best course of action for admission.
- In addition to the requirements above, all applicants must have:
 - Must possess a valid and active EMT credential defined as a North Carolina Credential, National Registry EMT (NREMT) Credential or other states' EMS credential.
 - Successful completion of ENG 111 or CASAS Reading and Comprehension score above post-secondary level prior to Spring Semester 1.
 - Successful completion of MAT 143 or CASAS Math score above post-secondary level prior to Spring Semester 1.
 - Submit a copy of a current/valid North Carolina drivers license.

Those individuals who are notified of provisional acceptance to the program must attend a mandatory orientation session and have SCC health forms completed by the appropriate medical personnel indicating the candidate is mentally and physically capable of performing the job duties required by this profession.

Once accepted into the program, students will be required to complete an onboarding process, which will include a criminal background check and drug testing prior to participation in the clinical component. If any clinical facility refuses to allow the student to participate in clinical experiences, for any reason, the student will not be able to progress in the program. Each student completing a health science program may be required, by an external agency, to submit a criminal background check and/or drug test prior to a state or national licensing/certification board approving the graduate to sit for exams.

Due to the rigorous nature of the curriculum, where possible, students are encouraged to have successfully completed general education courses prior to enrolling in program specific courses: ACA 111, BIO 163, ENG 111, ENG 114, HUM 115, MAT 143 and PSY 150 with a "C" or better. See your advisor for acceptable general education substitutes. Additionally, students may take certificate coursework, where appropriate, prior to acceptance into a Selective Health Sciences Program.

EMS students are required to obtain a grade of "C" or better on all program and general education courses.

The Southwestern Community College Emergency Medical Science – Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). To contact CAAHEP: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756 Phone: 727.210.2350 www.caahep.org To contact CoAEMSP: 8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312, Rowlett TX 75088, Phone: 214.703.8445 FAX: 214.703.8992 www.coaemsp.org
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