

The entry level Paramedic program prepares students for careers in the Emergency Medical Services field. This is also the intermediate step to obtain an Associate in Science degree in Emergency Medical Services. This program prepares students for certification as a paramedic and complies with the national EMS Educational Standards - Paramedic Instructional Guidelines. The limited access program consists of three consecutive semesters consisting of didactic, lab, clinical and field experiences. Students will be trained in advanced skills required for emergency pre-hospital care. In addition to performing EMT Skills, they will be trained in IV fluids, medications, advanced life support, airway management, burns, trauma, and adult and pediatric medical emergencies. Graduates are qualified to work as advanced care providers on ambulances, hospital emergency rooms, intensive care units and transport teams.

For additional information check our website at [SJRstate.edu](http://SJRstate.edu) under Workforce Education or call 904-808-7465.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The Paramedic program is a limited access program. To apply for admission to the Paramedic program, a student must have completed the following:

1. Application process to St. Johns River State College;
2. Application to the Paramedic program;  
Applicants may apply:  
April 1 - June 15 for fall enrollment
3. Must be 18 years of age;
4. Must have a high school diploma or GED;
5. Must have a minimum overall high school or college GPA of 2.0 (which includes transfer work);
6. Must have completed MAT 1033 and ENC 1101 or be eligible to enroll in the courses based on placement exams. Priority selection will be given to individuals who have completed the coursework and based on the highest GPA of MAT 1033 and ENC 1101;
7. Must be a Florida-certified Emergency Medical Technician or provide proof of successful completion of a Florida Emergency Technician program. Priority selection will be given to current Florida-certified Emergency Medical Technicians.

**STUDENT SELECTION**

To be considered for admission, the student is to be cleared by Admissions/Records indicating that all external college transcripts and high school diplomas have been received and that the student has a cleared admission file.

**POST- ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Following acceptance into the program, Paramedic students must complete/attend the following requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in administrative withdrawal from the Paramedic program.

1. All students are asked to sign a consent and waiver to perform a criminal and professional background check and drug screen. Failure to provide consent will render the applicant ineligible for admission to the program. Admission to the program is conditional upon the results of the criminal and professional background check and drug screen. Additional random and scheduled drug screening may be required at any time during the program.
2. Attend a Paramedic student orientation on the specified date.
3. Have an annual physical examination verifying acceptable health status and completing all the requirements for the Paramedic program. Requirements for the physical are included on the form provided to each student after admission to the Paramedic program.
4. Have liability/malpractice insurance of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 per aggregate. (Payment included with lab fees during registration).
5. Student must obtain Florida EMT certification before the start of the second semester in the Paramedic program.
6. Attend an interview with the Paramedic program director prior to the start of classes.

**PARAMEDIC CORE CLASSES**

EMS	2010	EMS Anatomy and Physiology .....	3
EMS	2603	Paramedic I .....	6
EMS	2603L	Paramedic I Lab .....	2
EMS	2666	Paramedic I Clinical Experience.....	4
+	EMS 2604	Paramedic II .....	8
+	EMS 2604L	Paramedic II Lab .....	2
+	EMS 2667	Paramedic II Clinical Experience .....	4
+	EMS 2605	Paramedic III .....	5
+	EMS 2605L	Paramedic III Lab.....	1
+	EMS 2659	Field/Clinical Internship .....	5
+	EMS 2920	Paramedic Seminar .....	2

**REQUIRED TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**

**42**

+Prerequisite course required. See course description in catalog.

A student must earn a grade of "C" or above in all courses required in the program.

Gainful employment information regarding the cost, careers, completion and placement rates associated with this program may be found at [SJRstate.edu/geprograms.html](http://SJRstate.edu/geprograms.html).

NOTE: Any person having been arrested or convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation should refer to the Florida Statutes, Chapter 64J, regarding emergency medical services licensure. For further information, contact the Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, EMT-Paramedic Certification, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN C-85, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3285.

**Accreditation**

The St. Johns River State College Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

