

Technical and Vocational Programs

A 45 34 0 BR Emergency Medical Science Bridge Program* Associate in Applied Science

The EMS Bridge Program is for qualified applicants who are currently certified Paramedics in NC or nationally registered, but do not have a degree.

**Upon meeting all requirements and admission to the EMS Bridge Program, the student will receive 43 hours of proficiency credit toward the EMS A.A.S. degree to represent the EMS major hours for EMT – Paramedic coursework that are not required as part of the EMS Bridge Program.*

CONCENTRATION OVERVIEW

The Emergency Medical Science curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge, skills and attributes to provide advanced emergency medical care as a paramedic for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system and prepares graduates to enter the workforce. Students will gain complex knowledge, competency, and experience while employing evidence-based practice under medical oversight and serve as a link from the scene into the healthcare system.

COA's Emergency Medical Services – 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). Contact CAAHEP: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 9355 – 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, 727-210-2350. www.caahep.org

Graduates of this program may be eligible to take state and/or national certification examinations. Employment opportunities include providers of emergency medical services, fire departments, rescue agencies, hospital specialty areas, industry, educational and government agencies.

Student Learning Outcomes – Upon completion of the program, students will:

1. Apply the basic concepts of pathophysiology, development, and pharmacology to the assessment and management of a wide variety of emergency patients.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in administration of medications and safely accessing venous circulation.
3. Establish and/or maintain a patent airway, oxygenate, and ventilate any patient.
4. Demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role of entry-level paramedic in the state of North Carolina.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in the role of entry-level paramedic in the state of North Carolina.

Partnership: N/A

Some Health Sciences and Wellness Programs may have additional requirements related to required GPAs, grades, and other progression policies required for graduation. Please see program handbooks for more information.



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| First Semester Course Number and Title | Pre-Requisites and Co-Requisites | Class Hours | Lab Hours | Clinical Hours | Total Contact Hours | Total Credit Hours |
|--|---|-------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| BIO 163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology (Or BIO 168 and BIO 169 - recommended option for transfer to a 4 year institution)** | Pre-Requisites: ENG 025 and either BIO 090 or one unit of HS Biology | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 5 |
| ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry | Pre-Requisites: ENG 025 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| EMS 125 Instructor Methodology | Pre-Requisites: Admission to EMS Bridge | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| EMS 280 EMS Bridging Course*** | Pre-Requisites: Admission to EMS Bridge | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS | | 11 | 6 | 0 | 17 | 14 |
| Second Semester Course Number and Title | Pre-Requisites and Co-Requisites | Class Hours | Lab Hours | Clinical Hours | Total Contact Hours | Total Credit Hours |
| ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines | Pre-Requisites: ENG 111 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy | Pre-Requisites: ENG 025 and MAT 025 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| PSY 150 General Psychology | Pre-Requisites: ENG 025 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Human/FA Elective | Varies | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| EMS 210 Adv Patient Assessment | Pre-Requisites: EMS 110 or Admission to EMS Bridge Program Co-Requisites: EMS 130, 160, 221 or Admission to EMS Bridge Program | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| EMS 235 EMS Management | Pre-Requisites: Admission to EMS Bridge | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS | | 14 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 16 |
| TOTAL DEGREE HOURS | | | | | | 30 |

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Twenty –five percent of the credits for the EMS program must be completed at COA (minimum 19 credit hours)

***Four-year institutions determine their acceptance of transfer courses ...students should check with the 4-year institutions they plan to attend to see if this option will be accepted.*

**** Applicants who successfully complete EMS 280 with a grade of 'C' or better will be awarded credit for EMS 285-EMS Capstone.*

The following table displays the 43 hours of proficiency credit that the current credential Paramedics will receive towards the EMS A.A.S. degree to represent the EMS major hours for Paramedic coursework that are not required as part of the EMS Bridge Program.

| COURSE | COURSE NAME | CREDIT HOUR |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| EMS 110 | EMT | 9 |
| EMS 130 | Pharmacology | 4 |
| EMS 131 | Advanced Airway Management | 2 |
| EMS 160 | Cardiology I | 3 |
| EMS 260 | Trauma Emergencies | 2 |
| EMS 220 | Cardiology II | 3 |
| EMS 122 | Clinical Practicum I | 1 |
| EMS 221 | Clinical Practicum II | 2 |
| EMS 250 | Medical Emergencies | 4 |
| EMS 240 | Patients with Special Challenges | 2 |
| EMS 270 | Life Span Emergencies | 4 |
| EMS 231 | Clinical Practicum III | 3 |
| EMS 241 | Clinical Practicum IV | 4 |