

About the Program

The Technical Certificate (T.C.) in Paramedic prepares graduates to function as entry-level paramedics.

The Florida State College at Jacksonville's North Campus Paramedic Program is **accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)** upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

The Florida State College at Jacksonville's North Campus Paramedic program is **approved as a Paramedic Training Program by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Medical Services**, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL, 32399, (850) 245-4440, floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/licensing-ems-education/.

For more information about this program, visit fscj.edu/6393.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose to determine if this program will meet the selected state's educational requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Program Requirements

The Paramedic technical certificate requires a **minimum of 42 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic plan. This program is **eligible** for financial aid.

See the college catalog for information regarding **drug screening and criminal background checks**.

Students in this program are not required to complete math courses unless they are listed as part of the certificate program. If you plan to pursue the degree program in this same field, please note that **this certificate articulates directly into the Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) (2201) (A.S.) degree**, which includes a **Mathematical Thinking in Context math pathway**. To learn more about the Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) degree, visit fscj.edu/academics/programs/as/2251.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access Program. Acceptance into the Paramedic program is based upon academic performance and other criteria. Cohorts are admitted fall and spring terms. To be considered **individuals must complete the following by the appropriate application deadline:**

- ☐ Complete an application for Florida State College at Jacksonville with Paramedic as the Program Plan.
- ☐ Transcripts must be received from both high school/GED® and any postsecondary education. They must be official and sealed directly from the awarding institution. Transcripts may be delivered electronically to studentrecords@fscj.edu or by mail to: FSCJ Admissions Office, P.O. Box 40515, Jacksonville, FL 32203-0515.

These additional admission requirements are to be completed after acceptance into the Paramedic program:

- ☐ Submit to a criminal background check (national).
- ☐ Submit to a drug screening.
- ☐ Provide proof of a physical examination.
- ☐ Provide proof of immunizations (rubella, German measles, mumps, varicella, H1N1 virus, hepatitis B, tuberculosis, and flu shot).
- ☐ Provide proof of current driver's license.
- ☐ Provide proof of current personal injury protection (PIP) insurance coverage.
- ☐ Provide proof of current health insurance coverage.
- ☐ Provide proof of current Basic Life Support provider (BLS) card (front and back). The approved providers are as follows: American Heart Association (AHA) - Course Name: BLS Provider; American Red Cross (ARC) - Course Name: BLS/CPR for Health Care; American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) - Course Name: Basic Life Support (BLS); Military Training Network (MTN)- Course Name: BLS Provider

Additional information will be provided at the program orientation.

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next.

Application Deadline(s)

The **application deadlines** are May 15 for classes starting in the Fall Term and September 15 for classes starting in the Spring Term.

Placement Testing

Please meet with an advisor to determine if college placement testing is required. Students who place into **developmental education courses** are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study and are also required to take one of two student success strategies courses. For additional information, visit catalog.fscj.edu/academics/developmental-education-programs or speak with an advisor.

Educational Pathways

This certificate articulates directly into the Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) (2251) (A.S.) degree, which includes a **Mathematical Thinking in Context math pathway**. This pathway is intended for students in the broadest range of programs of study. In this pathway, students will explore a variety of mathematical concepts utilizing multiple ways of thinking to formulate and solve problems in context. To learn more about this degree, visit fscj.edu/academics/programs/as/2251.

Technical Certificate Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn minimum prescribed semester hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.

Catalog Year

This document is prepared for students with a **2025-26 College Catalog year** who have not tested into developmental education courses. **Students who enter under the 2025-26 catalog** will be assigned to the degree or certificate requirements in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. The student's assigned catalog year will remain in effect as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Changes to requirements as mandated by law or by rule of the District Board of Trustees may supersede this provision.

To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must have registration for, and successful completion of, at least one course within a three-term period. After three consecutive terms of no enrollment, the student will be discontinued from the current program of study and will need to apply to FSCJ to reenter under the same program of study. Upon readmission, the student will be assigned to the current catalog of record in the chosen program.

Curriculum

All courses in this program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students. **Terms Offered** are subject to change. Please verify course availability at fscj.edu/schedules. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Term 1: Fall or Spring

Prior to enrolling in classes, please **meet with an advisor** for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Per 401.2701(1)(b) 2. F.S.: Paramedic programs must be available only to Florida certified emergency medical technicians or an emergency medical technician applicant who will obtain Florida certification prior to completion of phase one of the paramedic program.

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| ☐ EMS 2601 - Paramedic Lecture I, Credit Hours: 5. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2601L - Paramedic Laboratory I, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2666 - Paramedic Clinical I, Credit Hours: 2. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Term 2: Spring or Summer

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| ☐ EMS 2602 - Paramedic Lecture II, Credit Hours: 5. Terms Offered: Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2602L - Paramedic Laboratory II, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2667 - Paramedic Clinical II, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Spring, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Term 3: Summer or Fall

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| ☐ EMS 2603 - Paramedic Lecture III, Credit Hours: 5. Terms Offered: Fall, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2603L - Paramedic Laboratory III, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Fall, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2668 - Paramedic Clinical III, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Fall, Summer. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Term 4: Fall or Spring

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| ☐ EMS 2681 - Paramedic Lecture IV, Credit Hours: 5. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2681L - Paramedic Laboratory IV, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring. | Grade Earned: _____ |
| ☐ EMS 2659 - Paramedic Capstone, Credit Hours: 2. Terms Offered: Fall, Spring. | Grade Earned: _____ |

Course Requirements

Prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions for any course are subject to change. Students must meet the prerequisite and corequisite requirements of any course at the time the student attempts to register for that course. If you have questions about the prerequisites, corequisites, or conditions for a course, please contact any academic advisor.

Professional Courses

Complete all of the following courses.

EMS 2601 - Paramedic Lecture I, Credit Hours: 5. **Prerequisite(s)**: None.

Corequisite(s): EMS 2601L and EMS 2666. **Conditions**: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2601L - Paramedic Laboratory I, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: None.

Corequisite(s): EMS 2601 and EMS 2666. **Conditions**: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2666 - Paramedic Clinical I, Credit Hours: 2. **Prerequisite(s)**: None.

Corequisite(s): EMS 2601 and EMS 2601L. **Conditions**: A minimum grade of C or higher is required in all Professional Core courses.

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EMS 2602 - Paramedic Lecture II, Credit Hours: 5. **Prerequisite(s)**: EMS 2601, EMS 2601L and EMS 2666. **Corequisite(s)**: EMS 2602L and EMS 2667.

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EMS 2602L - Paramedic Laboratory II, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: EMS 2601, EMS 2601L and EMS 2666. **Corequisite(s)**: EMS 2602 and EMS 2667.

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EMS 2667 - Paramedic Clinical II, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: EMS 2601, EMS 2601L and EMS 2666. **Corequisite(s)**: EMS 2602 and EMS 2602L.

Conditions: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2603 - Paramedic Lecture III, Credit Hours: 5. **Prerequisite(s)**: EMS 2602, EMS 2602L and EMS 2667. **Corequisite(s)**: EMS 2603L and EMS 2668.

Conditions: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2603L - Paramedic Laboratory III, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: EMS 2602, EMS 2602L and EMS 2667. **Corequisite(s)**: EMS 2603 and EMS 2668.

Conditions: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2668 - Paramedic Clinical III, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s)**: EMS 2602, EMS 2602L and EMS 2667. **Corequisite(s)**: EMS 2603 and EMS 2603L.

Conditions: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2681 - Paramedic Lecture IV, Credit Hours: 5. **Prerequisite(s)**: EMS 2603, EMS 2603L and EMS 2668. **Corequisite(s)**: EMS 2681L and EMS 2659.

Conditions: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2681L - Paramedic Laboratory IV, Credit Hours: 3. **Prerequisite(s):** EMS 2603, EMS 2603L and EMS 2668. **Corequisite(s):** EMS 2681 and EMS 2659.
Conditions: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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EMS 2659 - Paramedic Capstone, Credit Hours: 2. **Prerequisite(s):** EMS 2666, EMS 2667, and EMS 2668. **Corequisite(s):** EMS 2681 and EMS 2681L.
Conditions: A minimum grade of C or higher is required.

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