

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

ADMISSIONS GUIDE



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

St Petersburg College's Emergency Medical Services Associate in Science Degree gives you a liberal arts education to enrich your medical background. If you have completed EMT and Paramedic certification, this degree provides the perfect way to advance in your career field.

Florida Licensed Paramedics who have completed EMT, Paramedic, or both programs at St Petersburg College may be eligible for our Emergency Medical Services A.S. degree.

Students who have not enrolled in several years may not be eligible for the degree due to course and credit changes. Some EMS credits may show as unsatisfied. Inquiries can be directed to HealthAdvising@spcollege.edu

Students pursuing the Emergency Medical Services A.S. Degree must complete at least one of the EMT or Paramedic programs at SPC and satisfactorily complete 25 percent of the semester hours (*minimum of 19 credits*) required for graduation at St. Petersburg College.

Students with an active EMT license **or** who completed their EMT or Paramedic program(s) at a qualifying institution in the [Florida College System](#) or one of [Florida's District Postsecondary Institutions](#) may be eligible to receive free articulated credit towards the Emergency Medical Services A.S. degree program at SPC.

For more information, please visit our articulations catalog at [this link](#).

Admission to the Emergency Medical Services A.S. degree program must be completed before articulated credit can be awarded.

The program will accept and review applications throughout the year for the next available term.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Returning** students must complete the online Readmission steps in MySPC if not enrolled in the previous six semesters. [Admissions and Readmissions](#)
Former non-credit students should verify the proper undergraduate application is current and the one-time application fee has been paid. [Admissions and Readmissions](#)
A secondary Health Program Application is required for this Health Program (link below)
- ☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school or GED transcripts indicating completion of a standard high school diploma or equivalency. ***See Transcripts/Transfer Credit**
If you have completed an A.A.S. degree or higher at an institutionally accredited college/university, you do not need to submit high school transcripts.
- ☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) transcripts from all institutionally accredited college(s) and/or universities currently or previously attended (outside of St Petersburg College). ***See Transcripts/Transfer Credit**
To confirm posted credits: log into MySPC > My Academics > View Unofficial Transcript > Other/Transfer Credits
- ☐ Students need to demonstrate they are at college level Writing, Reading, and Math skills through college coursework, or placement testing. [Placement Test](#)

*St. Petersburg College is committed to equal access/equal opportunity in its programs, activities, and employment.
For additional information visit www.spcollege.edu/eaao*

- ☐ To be admitted, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale in all postsecondary coursework.
Your Academic Standing may have an impact on your admission, enrollment, and financial aid eligibility.
See the SPC Academic Standing Policy for details. [Academic Standing Policy](#)
- ☐ Applicants must have completed EMT and Paramedic certification from a CoAEMSP-accredited program.
- ☐ To be admitted, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of EMS coursework through the completion of the EMT-ATD, Firefighter/EMT combined (PSAV), Paramedic ATD or Paramedic Certificate program at St Petersburg College to meet the college's residency graduation requirement.
Articulated credit awarded for the above-mentioned programs completed at SPC will be considered toward satisfying residency graduation requirements.
- ☐ Applicants who are seeking articulation credit for EMS courses must adhere to articulation standards and timelines to be awarded articulation credit. See **Articulation Agreements** on page 4 of this Admission Guide.
- ☐ Admitted students must complete all degree requirements within five years (15 semesters) of the last semester of enrollment in EMS coursework at St Petersburg College.
https://web.spcollege.edu/botrules/P4/P4_24.doc When reviewing the Board Rule, scroll to IV-E
- ☐ If admitted, students must satisfactorily complete the graduation requirements for the Associate in Science degree.
https://web.spcollege.edu/botrules/P4/P4_24.doc
Students must satisfactorily complete 25 percent of the semester hours required for graduation at St. Petersburg College, including 12 credit hours in the major (EMS). When reviewing the Board Rule, scroll to IV-A
Students must achieve a grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, for all work at St Petersburg College considered alone and for all work at the college and transfer credits combined. When reviewing the Board Rule, scroll to IV-B
- ☐ Health Programs Application: [Health Program Application](#)
It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all admission requirements are satisfied and posted accurately to their student record prior to applying.
For questions about these admissions requirements: [Visit Career & Academic Advising](#)

Admission notifications will be sent through SPC student email (xxxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu)
If you are not sure how to access your SPC student email, please visit [How do I Access My SPC Email](#)

***Transcripts/Transfer Credit:** [Submitting Official Transcripts](#)

- **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** Please allow 30 days.
- We do not accept unofficial copies or unsealed official copies.
- **International students**, please refer to [Transcripts](#)
- Transcripts for course credit earned by exam(s) (e.g., AP, CLEP) must be provided from the originating testing agency.
- Transfer courses for which there is no direct SPC equivalent will be posted as **elective credit** and designated with a number ending in "999"; additionally, **upper division** transferred credits are not posted to your SPC record for lower division programs. ****See Alternate Satisfaction**
- **If you have submitted updated transcripts from one institution, please verify that your most recent coursework is evaluated and posted to your SPC record.**

****Alternative Satisfaction**

Transfer courses for which there is no direct SPC equivalent will be posted as **elective credit** and designated with a number ending in "999"; additionally, **upper division** credits are not posted to your SPC record.
Upper division coursework (transfer or SPC) will not automatically satisfy admission requirements unless requested by the student.

If you believe a course posted as an **elective** should satisfy a degree requirement, or you would like an **upper division** course be used to satisfy a lower division course, please complete the **Alternative Satisfaction Survey**:

<https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/21215>

A copy of your transcript from the former institution and a course syllabus will be required.

Questions can be directed to [Academic Advising](#)

Program Information and Schedule

General Education coursework can be completed in classroom or online, which means you do not have to give up your job to finish the degree.

Selection Criteria and Admissions

The Emergency Medical Services A.S. degree program will accept applications continually throughout the year. All qualified students will be admitted and will be eligible to enroll in the next available term.

Estimated Cost

Detailed program cost information can be found in the College's [Academic Catalog](#).

Accessibility Services

St. Petersburg College is committed to providing quality education and services to all students by ensuring that admission, academic programs, support services, student activities, and campus facilities are accessible to and usable by qualified students with disabilities. Each specific health program has its own technical standards which all students must meet with or without accommodation(s). To help students achieve success, Accessibility Services works with students, faculty, and staff to coordinate the provision of reasonable accommodations. To put your accommodations in place, please contact the Health Education Center Accessibility Services at (727) 341-3432 or visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/accessibility>

Articulating Credits

Individuals who completed their EMT or Paramedic program(s) at a qualifying institution in the [Florida College System](#) or one of [Florida's District Postsecondary Institutions](#) may be eligible to receive free articulated credit towards the Emergency Medical Services A.S. program at SPC.

Official transcripts will need to be provided to St Petersburg College to complete the application evaluation.

Once admitted, the student will be required to submit a request to have articulated credits posted to their SPC record. Instructions will be provided in the admission notification email.

Articulation Agreements

- EMT** Emergency Medical Technician Industry certification
- Students must hold a valid, active certification, earned or renewed within the past five (5) years.
 - Students must provide a copy of their certification transcripts. If the certifying body does not offer transcripts, the student must provide a copy of their certificate.
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- Emergency Medical Technician Applied Technology Diploma (ATD) – Statewide Articulation
- Students must have successfully completed the full ATD program required for the articulation.
 - Students must provide official transcripts from the institution where they completed the ATD program to SPC. Students who completed the program at SPC do NOT need to provide transcripts; their program completion will be verified via their SPC student records.
 - Students must enroll in the A.S. degree program and request articulation credit within five (5) years of completing the ATD program.
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- Firefighter/EMT Combined Career Certificate Program Articulation
 - Students must have successfully completed the full Career Certificate program required for the articulation.
 - Students must provide official transcripts from the institution where they completed the ATD program to SPC. Students who completed the program at SPC do NOT need to provide transcripts; their program completion will be verified via their SPC student records.
 - Students must enroll in the A.S. degree program and request articulation credit within five (5) years of completing the ATD program.
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- Paramedic** Paramedic Applied Technology Diploma - Statewide Articulation
- Students must have successfully completed the full ATD program required for the articulation.
 - Students must provide official transcripts from the institution where they completed the ATD program to SPC. Students who completed the program at SPC do not need to provide transcripts; their program completion will be verified via their SPC student records.
 - Students must enroll in the A.S. degree program within five (5) years of completing the ATD program.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES A.S.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (15 credits) A grade of “C” or higher is required. (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)
COMMUNICATIONS – COMPOSITION 3 credits from the approved General Education Composition 1 coursework ENC 1101 Composition 1 or ENC 1101H (Honors)
HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS - Core 3 credits from the approved General Education Humanities and Fine Arts – Core coursework <i>Recommended: Core Humanities that meets the Enhanced World View requirement*</i>
MATHEMATICS - Core 3 credits from the approved General Education Mathematics – Core coursework
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES - Core 3 credits from the approved General Education Social and Behavioral Sciences coursework – Core <i>Recommended: Core Social and Behavioral Science that meets the Civic Literacy requirement**</i>
ETHICS 3 credits from the approved General Education Ethics coursework PHI 1600 Applied Ethics or PHI 1600H (Honors)
SUPPORT COURSES (4 credits) A grade of “P” or “C” or higher is required. (May <u>not</u> be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)
COMPUTER/INFORMATION LITERACY COMPETENCY Competency may be demonstrated by completing the Computer Information and Literacy Exam OR by successful completion of one of the approved Computer/Information Literacy Competency courses. No minimum credits required.
BSC 2085 HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 1
BSC 2085L HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 1 LAB
<u>GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</u>
*ENHANCED WORLD VIEW: (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree) Complete at least one 3-credit course intended to enhance the student's world view considering an increasingly globalized economy. This course may also be used to satisfy another General Education Requirement (Humanities and Fine Arts)
**CIVIC LITERACY: A.S. Emergency Medical Services Program of Study A.S. General Education Requirements – Civic Literacy Students entering an A.S. Degree program in the 2022-2023 academic school year, or thereafter, must demonstrate competency through successful completion the Civic Literacy requirement. This may include a course and exam, or an alternative accelerated mechanism. This course may also be used to satisfy another General Education Requirement (Social & Behavioral Sciences)

To view approved General Education courses, please refer to [A.S. General Education Requirements](#)