

GUIDED PATHWAY: PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE

HEALTH SCIENCES CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Emergency Medical Services webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/EMSPparamedic) [www.dcccd.edu/EMSPparamedic] and your academic advisor at the El Centro Campus.

This is an example of a course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Paramedic certificate. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a certificate in Paramedic. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

The Paramedic Certificate takes approximately six and a half months to complete. The certificate program will train you to provide advanced prehospital and interfacility care to a wide variety of patients. Learning environments include classroom instruction, laboratory sessions, hospital rotations, and an ambulance internship with emphasis on emergency medicine. The Paramedic certificate program incorporates credentialing in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP), and International Trauma Life Support (ITLS). Courses that complete the Certificate are noted below.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites, as long as the student completes the TSI waiver form prior to enrollment.

Catalog Year	2021-2022	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Level I Certificate	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	May be Exempt	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 42 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

PREREQUISITES Total Hours: 10

- [EMSP 1501](#) – Emergency Medical Technician*
- [EMSP 1164](#) – Practicum (or Field Experience)-Emergency Medical*
- [EMSP 2471](#) – Anatomy and Physiology for Paramedics

*EMSP 1501 and EMSP 1164 prerequisite courses may be met by holding a current, active, and valid National Registry or Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. Six credit hours can be awarded for EMSP 1501 and EMSP 1164 after completion of the Paramedic program.

PREREQUISITE SEMESTER ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. The Paramedic Certificate option is for students already certified as Emergency Medical Technicians.
3. Meet with the clinical coordinator regarding placement for the Practicum course.

TERM 1 Total Hours: 17

- [EMSP 2206](#) – Emergency Pharmacology
- [EMSP 1338](#) – Introduction to Advanced Practice
- [EMSP 1356](#) – Patient Assessment and Airway Management
- [EMSP 2444](#) – Cardiology
- [EMSP 1355](#) – Trauma Management
- [EMSP 2164](#) – Practicum (or Field Experience)-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)
- [EMSP 2165](#) – Practicum (or Field Experience)-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with the clinical coordinator regarding placement for the Practicum course.
2. Meet with your career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
3. Prepare to pay course fees for Term 2.

TERM 2

Total Hours: 15

EMSP 2434 – Medical Emergencies

EMSP 2430 – Special Populations

EMSP 2137 – Emergency Procedures

EMSP 2305 – EMS Operations *Course recommended in term 1 after completion of EMSP 1338. This course spans two semesters.*

EMSP 2143 – Assessment Based Management *This is the capstone course for this award.*

EMSP 2266 – Practicum (of Field Experience)-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with the Health Occupations Admissions Office to apply for the Paramedic Certificate.
2. Sign up for commencement.
3. Prepare for National Registry Psychomotor and Cognitive (computer adaptive) Exams. Refer to <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/paramedic>.

PATHWAY TOTAL: 42 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS