If you thrive under pressure and enjoy helping people in distress, consider a career as a paramedic. SCC’s Paramedic program takes its place in the industry very seriously by educating personnel for this fast-paced, ever-changing world of paramedicine.

Paramedics provide advanced emergency medical care by preventing or reducing mortality and morbidity due to illness and injury. Paramedics primarily provide emergent and non-emergent care to patients in and out of hospital settings. As a patient advocate, paramedics seek to be proactive in affecting long-term health care by working in conjunction with other provider agencies, networks and organizations. The emerging roles and responsibilities of the paramedic include community health care, public education, health promotion and participation in injury and illness prevention programs.

These are in addition to more traditional roles in pre-hospital medicine with ambulance services, fire departments, flight programs, and within hospital critical access care areas.

Types of jobs available:
- Ambulance Services
- Fire Departments
- Hospital Settings
- Health Education Instructor

Graduate Earnings:
Recent graduates report a starting salary of $38,500 per year.

The 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). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763, 727-210-2350, www.caahep.org

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Mission
The mission of the SCC's Paramedic program is to provide the highest quality emergency medical services education, ensuring at all times that the standards and requirements of the state of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Profession (CoAEMSP) and SCC are met. The program strives to graduate paramedics with a comprehensive knowledge base and exceptional clinical abilities.

SCC graduates are expected to be leaders in the field of Emergency Medical Services who will provide a high level of compassionate patient care and who are intelligent in their approach to the discipline of pre-hospital medicine.
Admission Requirements:
1. Application to the program
2. Submit program advising sheet showing enrollment in the final quarter/semester of required courses or completion of all program requirements courses with the required grade-point average
3. Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)

General Education Requirements:
Must be completed to graduate from the program.
Oral Communications 4.5
Written Communications 4.5
SPCH1110 Public Speaking (recommended)
ENGL1010 English Composition I (recommended)
or
ENGL1110 Business Communication
Plus one course from any of the core categories.
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving 4.5
Psychology or Sociology (recommended)
Humanities 4.5
Ethics or Spanish or Sign Language (recommended)
Computer Technology 4.5
Microsoft Applications (recommended)

Program Requirement Courses:
EMTL1301 EMT Part I 7.0
EMTL1302 EMT Part II 7.0
BIOS1140 Human Anatomy with Lab 6.0
BIOS2130 Human Physiology with Lab 6.0
or
BIOS2250 Human Anatomy & Physiology I 6.0
BIOS2260 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 6.0
MATH1040 Business Math (or higher) 4.5

Paramedic Core Courses:
PARM1111 Pathophysiology for the Paramedic 2.0
PARM1112 Introduction to Paramedicine 2.0
PARM1113 Basic ECG Interpretation 2.0
PARM1114 Airway Management & Assessment 3.0
PARM1117 Paramedic Lab I 1.0
PARM1119 Practicum I 3.0
PARM1121 Pharmacology for the Paramedic 3.0
PARM1122 Advanced ECG Interpretation 2.0
PARM1123 Medical Emergencies for the Paramedic 4.0
PARM1127 Paramedic Lab II 2.0
PARM1129 Practicum II 3.0
PARM1131 Family Medicine for the Paramedic 4.0
PARM1137 Paramedic Lab III 3.0
PARM1141 Traumatic Emergencies for the Paramedic 2.0
PARM1142 Rescue Operations for the Paramedic 2.0
PARM2900 Paramedic Internship 12.0

Special Program Requirements:
1. All students must receive a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 in the general education courses and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in the science courses. Science courses include Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Biology, Microbiology, Physics and Basic Nutrition. General education courses include oral communication, written communication, math, social science, computer technology and related courses required by the programs, such as Medical Terminology.
2. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross CPR card is required.
3. Submit completed health statement to the Health Sciences Division.
4. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in this program. Based on the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of $45 will be assessed for this CBC. Please note: Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring National Registry certification or a state license. (Contact the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and the state of Nebraska EMS program with questions.)
5. A two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray are required. Flu immunization may be required.
6. All PARM courses completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher to progress through the program.
7. Students must either be nationally registered as an EMT or be licensed as an EMT in the state of Nebraska before starting the Paramedic program.
8. Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation at a contracted healthcare facility will submit to initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT:
Advanced Placement is any process where a program formally recognizes prior learning of a student and applies that recognition toward meeting the program requirements. Advanced placement is applied on a case-by-case basis and allows a student to “place out” of a specified program didactic, laboratory, clinical, or field requirements. This may shorten the time to complete the program and is an alternative pathway to program completion and eligibility for the National Registry or state examination at the paramedic level.
Advanced Placement students may be but are not limited to one of the following:
• Licensed Physicians
• Registered Nurses
• Out-of-state Paramedics
• Non-CAAHEP Paramedic program graduates
• Students who have completed a program and have been unable to pass the National Registry Exam
• Current licensed Paramedics seeking an Associate’s Degree
• U.S. military medics