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.

Program Overview
Paramedics provide 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 positively affecting long-term health care by working in conjunction with other provider agencies, networks and organizations. These emerging roles and responsibilities of the paramedic include community healthcare, 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, and flight programs, as well as within hospital critical access care areas.

Options
Students are highly encouraged to complete general education/prerequisite courses prior to starting the program classes. Some classes can be completed during the program. Please contact the Health Sciences Advisor to get started.

Paramedic program classes begin in the fall term.

Students can complete classes either online or face-to-face. All labs are face-to-face on campus. Hands-on experience is gained through clinical and field experiences in hospitals, fire departments and ambulance services.

Full-time traditional option
Classes and labs are face-to-face on the Lincoln Campus and can be completed in one year (two semesters, one summer term).

Part-time online option
Classes are taken online with labs face-to-face one day a week on the Lincoln Campus. This option can be completed in two years (four semesters, two summer terms).

Graduates of the program receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the National Registry certifying examination.

Top Career Options
- Paramedic
- Inpatient Emergency Care
- Ambulance Services
- Health Education

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), 8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312, Rowlett, TX 75085, www.coaemsp.org. 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
Admission Requirements
1. Online application to the program
2. Submit program admission requirements (see program admission checklist and criteria on program website for requirements): www.southeast.edu/paramedic/
3. Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)

General Education and Program Requirements
Must be completed to graduate from the program:

Oral Communications 3.0
SPCH1110 Public Speaking (recommended)

Written Communications 3.0
ENGL1010 English Composition I (recommended) or ENGL1110 Business Communication

Plus EMT and one course from each of the following core categories:

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving 4.0
BIOS1140 Human Anatomy with Lab

Analytical, Qualitative, and Scientific Reasoning 4.0
BIOS2130 Human Physiology with Lab
BIOS2260 Human Anatomy & Physiology II

Career and Life Skills
MATH1040 Business Math (or higher) 3.0
EMTL1305 EMT-Emergency Medical Technician 8.0

Plus one elective course 1.0 credit hours or more

Recommended:
ACFS1015 Success at SCC
MEDA1101 Basic Medical Terminology

Paramedic Core Courses
PARM1112 Introduction to Paramedicine 2.0
PARM1115 Electrophysiology in Paramedicine 2.0
PARM1116 Patient Assessment 2.0
PARM1117 Paramedic Lab I 1.0
PARM1118 Airway Management 2.0
PARM1119 Practicum I 2.0
PARM1121 Pharmacology 3.0
PARM1123 Medical Emergencies in Paramedicine 3.0
PARM1127 Paramedic Lab II 1.0
PARM1129 Practicum II 2.0
PARM1131 Special Populations 2.0
PARM1141 Trauma 2.0
PARM1142 Rescue Operations 2.0
PARM2900 Paramedic Capstone 8.0

34.0 hours

Special Program Requirements
1. All students must receive a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in the general education courses and a cumulative grade point average 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 American Heart Association or 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. SCC will assess a non-refundable fee of $35 to student account.

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 associates degree.
• U.S. military medics