

PARAMEDIC Certificate

ADMISSIONS GUIDE



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Paramedics are a mainstay in public health and community service agencies and provide the most advanced care of all EMS professionals.

Our program gives you the skills to excel in this field and a foundation for further EMS education and career advancement. Upon completion, you will have earned PHTLS, ACLS, AND EPC Certifications.

The Paramedic Certificate is the second completion point in the EMS-AS degree.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)

Term	Applications Accepted	Application Review	Student Notified by Email: xxxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu
Fall: August Spring: January	March 1 – May 15 July 1 – September 15	May 16 – May 31 September 16 – September 30	June 1 October 1

- New** students must complete the St. Petersburg College Admission Application and pay the non-refundable fee. **Returning** students must complete the online Readmission steps in MySPC if you have not enrolled in the previous six semesters. [Admissions and Readmissions](#)

A secondary Health Program Application is required for limited access Health Programs (link below)

- Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school or GED transcripts indicating completion of standard high school diploma or equivalency. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution are waived from this requirement.

Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration. [Submitting Official Transcripts](#)

- Submit official, unopened (sealed) transcripts from all regionally accredited college(s) and/or universities currently or previously attended. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** [Submitting Official Transcripts](#)

- 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](#)

- I have reviewed the Technical Standards (Essential Functions) of my selected health program. I agree that I can meet the Technical Standards with or without accommodation(s). If you feel that you cannot meet these requirements due to a disability, please contact the Health Education Center Accessibility Services office to set up a confidential consultation at (727) 341-4141 or visit www.spcollege.edu/accessibility.

- Health Programs Application: <https://web.spcollege.edu/hec/application/apply>

Be prepared to enter your Florida State certified Emergency Medical Technician certificate number and issue date on the application or indicate your enrollment in a program that will lead to certification.

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](#)

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

Program Information

- The Paramedic program will prepare the student for the Paramedic Certification Exam.
- 30 – 36 students admitted.
- Clinical facilities may prohibit students who do not have an assigned social security number from participating in clinical experiences which are a mandatory component of the curriculum. If other placement options are not available, the student would need to withdraw from that semester and would not be able to progress in the program. These factors must be taken into consideration prior to pursuing admission to the program.
- Classroom sessions meet two days per week and follow a shift friendly schedule.
- Along with the classroom, students will complete a required number of hours and competencies in the clinical and field environment.
- This program is offered at the SPC Allstate Center located at 3200 34th Street South, St Petersburg, FL

Selection Criteria and Admissions

- **All application requirements must be satisfied by the closing of the application window.**
- Preference for admission (up to 12 seats) may be given to individuals employed by community partners. If the number of remaining eligible applicants exceed program availability, admission will be determined through a lottery system. An [EMT Employment Verification Form](#) is required.

If you are admitted, you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements prior to the start of the first program course to maintain eligible status.

- Complete the Notice of Intent survey by the date indicated in the admission email.
- Successfully pass a background check and drug screening by date indicated in the admission email.
- Complete the Health Education Program orientation. Details provided in the admission email.
- Complete the Health Examination Form and any required immunizations. Details provided at orientation.
- Completion of BLS Provider from American Heart Association by date indicated at the orientation.

If you are not admitted, please discuss admissions qualifications with an Academic Advisor and consider reapplying during a future application cycle.

Estimated Cost

Tuition*¹	Background Check and Drug Screening	Physical, Vaccines and Proof of Immunity	Uniforms, Special Equipment, Lab Fees & Other Costs	Textbooks	National Exam NREMT and State License fees	TOTAL
\$5,229.70	\$101.00	\$700.00**	\$250.00	\$1,100.00**	\$160.00***	\$7,540.70

* Tuition is estimated using the Florida residency rate of \$111.75/credit hour. Non-resident rate is \$386.90.

¹ Tuition is for core coursework only, excluding student fees, not General Education and Support courses.

** These are high estimates; actual costs may vary.

*** First attempt is no charge through a grant program; future attempts cost as indicated.

The following requirements for all Health Programs at SPC will incur additional fees:

- Background Check and Drug Screening for Health Program admissions
- Health Insurance is required while you enrolled in a Health Program

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) 341-4141 or visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/accessibility>