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I. Progression Requirements:

Eligibility to start the first specialty course in the program is based upon the following minimum requirements. Students transferring from another EMS program must be in good standing in such program (Exceptions will be handled by the Provost's Office at the Health Education Center).

A. Requirements for Health Related Programs (6Hx23-4.53) apply to the Emergency Medical Services Program.

B. Each student must have a physical examination by a licensed physician or advanced nurse practitioner verifying satisfactory health status. This must include all immunizations, tests, and health verification as specified within contractual agreements with affiliating agencies. This may be required on an annual basis at the discretion of the program director of the health-related program to which the student has been admitted.

1. EMT candidates' health verification is due within a time period specified by the EMS department not to exceed two (2) weeks into a specific semester.

2. Paramedic candidates' health verification is due prior to the conclusion of the College's established drop/add period in the first semester of course work.

3. Completion of immunization requirement:

a. Tuberculosis (TB) Mantoux Test – a current test is required every 12 months. If the skin test is positive, then a chest x-ray is required to document absence of chest disease, in accordance with CDC guidelines.

b. Tetanus Diphtheria – good for 10 years, but must have had booster within a 5-year period.

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- c. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) or Rubella Titer – immunization or titer dated 1969 or later.
 - d. Varicella Titer – requires immunization if titer does not show immunity.
 - e. Hepatitis B – said immunization series may be waived when medically contraindicated by a physician in writing and a release is signed by the student, although this may preclude students from participating in a clinical setting, as per the agency contract.
 - f. Poliomyelitis
- II. Admission to the Emergency Medical Services Applied Technology Diploma (ATD) program for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program is based upon the following minimum requirements:
- A. Completion of I.A. & B.
 - B. Valid American Heart Association Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer, or American Safety and Health Institute CPR-Pro with AED cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card.
- III. Admission to the Emergency Medical Services Certificate Program for paramedics is based upon the following minimum requirements:
- A. Completion of I.A. & B.
 - B. Successful completion of BSC 1084C or BSC 2085, and BSC 2085L (minimum of “C” grade or better).
 - C. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification by the Florida Department of Health Bureau of EMS, or eligible for State of Florida EMT certification as outlined in Revised Chapter 64-J2, Florida Administrative Code for enrolled students in the Associate of Science degree program completing EMT

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competencies. Proof of certification as a Florida certified EMT is required before an EMS student can participate in any paramedic clinicals. Failure to obtain state of Florida EMT certification by the end of the second week of the initial paramedic session, as defined by the current year's catalog, will be cause for withdrawal from the program for that session. Students may reapply for subsequent sessions after meeting this requirement.

D. EMT clinical experience requirement:

1. Minimum of six month's experience as an EMT in the pre-hospital emergency medical environment, or
2. Minimum of 140 hours documented clinical and pre-hospital emergency medical experience during an EMT's volunteer or employment history, or
3. Minimum of 140 hours documented clinical and pre-hospital emergency medical experience during initial EMT education.

E. Satisfactory completion of a basic EMT written and practical competency examination.

IV. Special Progress Requirements:

A. Progress meetings with program staff or program director as required.

B. Applied Technology Diploma:

1. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

- a. Maintain a minimum "C" grade on all corequisites and courses in the major in the EMT program for state and national certification eligibility.

C. Certificate Programs:

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1. Paramedic

- a. Maintain a minimum "C" grade on all corequisites and courses in the major in the paramedic program for state and national certification eligibility.
- b. All paramedic candidates must obtain the State of Florida EMT certification before the beginning of the second week in the paramedic program and maintain the EMT certification throughout the paramedic program.

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