EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Science Degree (CIP # 1351090402)
- EMT (Emergency Medical Technology) Technical Certificate (CIP # 0351090415)
- Paramedic Technology Technical Certificate (CIP # 0351090405)

Limited-Access
This program adheres to all current standards and regulations established by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Florida Department of Health/Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Profession.

The EMS degree program is designed for students who desire a career in out-of-hospital emergency medicine. The program will prepare the student for state board certification or national registry as an emergency medical technician and a paramedic. Through a comprehensive program consisting of theory, clinical and field internship, the student will develop skills for assuming the role of basic and advanced life support provider. Students must successfully complete the state board certification for Emergency Medical Technician before admission to the Paramedic Certificate Program.

Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) Technical Certificate and Paramedic Certificate students are encouraged to continue their studies for the A.S. degree. To earn the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) degree, a student must complete the EMT Technical Certificate and the Paramedic Certificate as well as the general education and elective component.

General admission procedures for this program are found in the Admissions section of this catalog. The Division of Allied Health provides information about specific admission criteria.

Estimated program expenses are given in the Financial section of this catalog.

A minimum grade of C is required in all courses to meet prerequisite and graduation requirements. Any student admitted to the EMS program who fails or withdraws from any two EMS courses (can be the same course or two different courses) must petition the Health Sciences EMS Program Committee for re-evaluation and readmission. Students will be allowed to petition no more than one time.

Students are strongly encouraged to consult their campus based health sciences advisor for assistance in determining the best education plan for their career goals.

Emergency Medical Services Technology Associate in Science Degree
- Satisfy the college entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses in reading. New Student Experience (SLS 1122), mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes in which you are placed.
- Complete all EMT and paramedic coursework.
- Complete all General Education and elective coursework.

EMT Technical Certificate
Prior to beginning the program, students must document the following:
- Current criminal background check, and if also required, fingerprinting
- Drug testing
- Physical exam forms
- Records with up to date immunization data
- Attend mandatory orientation

Paramedic Technology Certificate
Limited-Access
The Paramedic Certificate is a limited-access program. Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to the Paramedic Certificate Program; students must apply and be accepted into the program.

Florida-certified paramedics who have completed a Florida-approved paramedic program will receive, through transfer, applicable credits for Valencia’s Paramedic Certificate program.

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- Drug testing
- Physical exam forms
- Records with up to date immunization data
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Admission requirements for the Paramedic Technology Certificate are:
- Review the general admission requirements for Health Sciences programs in the Admissions section of this catalog.
- Submit a completed Valencia College Application for Admission and be in active student status.
- Submit verification of completion of an equivalent 11 credits EMT certification program from a regionally accredited school.
- Submit a verification of current Florida EMT license.
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.0 (including transfer work).
- Submit the completed Valencia Paramedic program application with the application fee by the deadline.

Start Right
Degree-seeking students enrolling at Valencia for the first time will have a limited range of courses from which to choose for their first 18 college-level credits. Within the first 18 college credit hours, you will be required to take ENC1101 (3 credits), and if applicable, SLS 1122 (3 credits) and a mathematics course appropriate to your selected major (3 credits). The remaining courses will be chosen from the General Education Core Courses in humanities (3 credits), science (3 credits), or social science (3 credits), and/or the introductory courses within the A.S. degree programs. For specific courses see the Foundation Courses on the “Program Requirements” tab. For course sequencing recommendations, see your Career Program Advisor or create an education plan by logging into Atlas, clicking on the LifeMap tab and clicking My Education Plan.

Potential Careers
- Emergency Medical Technician
Program Outcomes

• Paramedic
• Emergency Services Manager

Salary & Earnings Information
For salary and wage information, visit: www.floridawages.com (http://www.floridawages.com).

Contacts
Future Students
Contact Enrollment Services at enrollment@valenciacollege.edu or call 407-582-1507
Current Students
Active Valencia students who are pending program acceptance may meet with the pending Allied Health Program Advisor in the campus Student Services department. For Information Sessions, Admission Guides, Program Applications, and the most updated information, visit the website at: http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/ Accepted, in-program students will meet with their assigned Career Program Advisor after confirming acceptance.

Alternative Ways to Earn Credit
If you have earned your certification as an EMT, you may be eligible to receive credit toward this A.S. degree. For more information, visit: http://valenciacollege.edu/asdegrees/credit_alternative.cfm

General Education and Elective Component
Program Outcomes
• Perform entry level skills as described by the scope of practice for Paramedic.
• Perform effective communication in the pre-hospital healthcare environment.
• Structure a safe environment for patients in the pre-hospital setting.
• Practice professional behaviors in the pre-hospital healthcare setting.
• Execute safe clinical decision making in the pre-hospital environment.
• Manage the plan of care for patient’s in the pre-hospital healthcare environment.

ENC 1101 FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I **~ 3
Humanities See Gen. Ed. Core or Institutional Requirements **~ 3
POS 2041 U.S. Government **~ 3
PSY 2012 General Psychology **~ 3
SLS 1122 New Student Experience 3
Science or Mathematics See Gen. Ed. Core Requirement **~ 3
Electives 1
EMT Technical Certificate Courses 12
Paramedic Technical Certificate Courses 42
Total Credit Hours 73

Notes:
All accepted applicants are required to submit applications through Valencia for a criminal background check and drug testing. Applicants for Valencia’s Health Sciences programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a healthcare setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and state/federal regulations.

EMT courses and Paramedic courses are offered on the Osceola and West Campuses.

Specialized courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.

Upon earning the A.S. degree in Emergency Medical Services, eligible applicants can continue at Valencia to complete a bachelor-level Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC) in Leadership in Healthcare (http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinscience/alliedhealth/emergencymedicalservicestech/advancedtechnicalcertificates/leadershipinhealthcare). Additional education at the bachelor’s level and professional experience can enhance skills and create more career options.

Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree students who wish to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree have the opportunity to transfer into a related bachelor’s degree (2 + 2) that is offered at any state college in Florida. Students who want to continue their education should discuss the career path with their Career Program Advisor, as well as contact their State College of choice for acceptance of this degree.

EMT Technical Certificate
Program Outcomes
• Perform entry level skills as described by the scope of practice for EMT.
• Perform effective communication in the pre-hospital healthcare environment.
• Structure a safe environment for patients in the pre-hospital setting.
• Practice professional behaviors in the pre-hospital healthcare setting.
• Execute safe clinical decision making in the pre-hospital environment.

EMS 1119 FUNDAMENTALS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ** 8
EMS 1119L Fund of EMT Practice **~ 2
EMS 1431L EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CLINICAL PRACTICUM **~ 2

+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.
* This course is a general education course.
^ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.
( ) Denotes a Gordon Rule course.

Paramedic Technology Certificate
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* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog
^ BSC 2093C HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I and BSC 2094C HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II may be substituted for EMS 1010 ESSENTIALS OF HUMAN STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION. BSC 1084 may be substituted for EMS 1010.

This certificate program is eligible for Financial Aid.