

# I CAN SAVE A LIFE.

## Paramedic Certificate Program

*Make a positive impact in the community*

FSW's Paramedic program prepares you to become a competent, entry-level paramedic in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.

FSW's Paramedic program is accredited through the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions.

The program is four semesters and 42 college-credit hours in length. Upon successfully completing the program, students will receive a college completion certificate and the necessary paperwork required to apply for both Florida EMT and National Registry certifications.

Estimated program costs are \$9,600 for Florida residents and \$23,000 for non-Florida residents.



FSW's Paramedic program has specific admission requirements. Please visit the web page below for more information.

### To become a Paramedic, here are four (4) steps you will need to complete:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements and prerequisites for attending a Paramedic course, including Basic Life Support (BLS)
2. Attend and successfully complete Florida SouthWestern State College's Paramedic course
3. Apply for and obtain certification within two years of being issued a course completion certificate.
4. Take and pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic computer-based exam



The median annual wage for paramedics in Florida was **\$58,410** in 2024\*

\*United States Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Additional costs include required uniforms, a stethoscope, and professional liability insurance. Students must also provide their own transportation to clinical and field experiences.

In the Paramedic Certificate Program, you will be required to complete clinical rotations with local agencies and organizations. These rotations are in addition to scheduled class or laboratory hours.

**Many employment opportunities exist within the paramedic field, including:**

1. Fire departments
2. Ambulance services (both private and public)
3. Hospitals
4. Police departments
5. Private sector employers



### As a Paramedic You Will:

- Provide more extensive pre-hospital care than EMTs
- Administer medications orally and intravenously
- Interpret Electrocardiograms (EKGs)
- Use various monitors and medical diagnostic equipment
- Demonstrate leadership during emergency response situations

Becoming a paramedic is a rewarding journey for those with passion and commitment. With dedication and hard work, you'll thrive—supported every step of the way by our experienced instructors and staff.



**Learn more about  
the Paramedic  
program Here!**

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The Florida SouthWestern State College Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

Florida SouthWestern State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees.

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