

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Emergency Medical Services education is directed towards men and women who have the capability and interest to become emergency medical technicians (EMTs), advanced emergency medical technicians (AEMTs) and paramedics. EMS educational programs should provide the student with knowledge of the acute, critical differences in physiology, pathophysiology, or clinical symptoms as they pertain to the prehospital emergency medical care of the infant, child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric patient. The EMS program believes in the concept of medical control regarding the actions of EMS providers in the field.

Wallace Community College's EMS program is fully approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health/EMS and Trauma Division, the Alabama Community College System (ACCS), and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation of the Commission on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS professions (COAEMSP). Our State of Mission is; George C. Wallace Community College - Dothan a comprehensive community college, inspires and facilitates learning to prepare its constituents for current and emerging opportunities and to promote economic and social development. For more information, please contact CAAHEP directly at 727-210-2350 or mail@caahep.org. Additional information can be found on CAAHEP website at www.caahep.org.

The goal of the EMS department is "to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels."

EMS prehospital practice renders a significant service to health care delivery systems in our society. We believe that emergency medical technicians (EMTs), advanced emergency medical technicians (AEMTs) and paramedics are savers of lives that might otherwise be lost.

From the mission statement of the College and the philosophy of the EMS program, the goals and objectives were derived. The goal of the Wallace Community College Emergency Medical Services program is to prepare individuals as competent entry level EMTs, AEMTs, and Paramedics who provide basic and advanced life support to patients experiencing prehospital emergencies.

Upon successful completion of the EMS program, the student will demonstrate the following objectives:

- Comprehension, application, and evaluation of clinical information relevant to his or her roles as an EMS professional (Cognitive Domain).
- Demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role of an EMS professional (Psychomotor Domain).
- Demonstrate personal behaviors consistent with professional and employer expectations for the EMS professional (Affective Domain).