

Introduction (EMS)

Welcome to the Emergency Medical Services program at Wallace Community College. The EMS-Paramedic program, was first organized in 1973 by Dr. Stanley Griffin to meet the growing need for skilled paramedical personnel in Southeast Alabama. The program was integrated into the College structure at that time. Presently, the program is administered by a Department Chairman/Director under the Dean of Academic Affairs. The EMS-Paramedic program was accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs (JRC) for the EMS-Paramedic in October, 1989, continuing accreditation was awarded on January 16, 2014, by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs at the recommendation of Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions.

Wallace Community College strongly believes that students should complete the general education courses in conjunction with the EMS courses for the completion of an Associate in Applied Science degree. The additional general education components allow for a more well-rounded graduate as well as a foundation for further education. The minimum of a short certificate for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) is required to be eligible for National Registry. Paramedic students must either complete the minimum of a long certificate or complete the short certificate to be eligible for National Registry. Certificate and degree requirements are found in the current *Wallace Community College Catalog and Student Handbook*.

The Emergency Medical Services program is both challenging and rewarding. The instructors have been selected by their expertise in the field and their educational training. 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." Each person is committed to your success as a student and an individual. Thank you for selecting the Emergency Medical Services program at Wallace Community College. Together we can do great things!

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