



# Emergency Medical Science Bridge Admission Requirement Booklet



## Performance Requirements

The following are examples of activities that you will be required to perform to successfully complete any Allied Health or EMS program:

1. **Critical Thinking:** Possess critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical and class judgment. Example: You must be able to identify cause and effect relationships in clinical situations, participate in development of patient education plans, etc.
2. **Ethical Behavior:** Provide services with respect for human dignity and the uniqueness of the patient/client unrestricted by consideration of socioeconomic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems. Example: You will care for patients/clients assigned regardless of race, gender, religion, or diagnosis and uphold integrity as a medical professional.
3. **Legal Behavior:** Provide care within the scope of practice as stated in the American Association of Medical Assistants Code of Ethics and Practice. Example: You will safeguard the confidentiality of all patient/client information as required by law unless the patient/client grants permission.
4. **Interpersonal Skills:** Possess interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, groups, etc. from a variety of psychosocial cultural backgrounds. Example: You will establish rapport with patients/clients and health care team members by behaving in a professional, courteous manner.
5. **Communication Skills:** Possess communication abilities sufficient for verbal and nonverbal interaction with others regardless of language or physical barriers. Example: You will be able to clearly explain treatment procedures to patients/clients/family, document patient/client responses, and report to others regarding patient/client care.
6. **Mobility:** Possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces, stand, walk and bend over for extended periods of time. Example: You will be able to move between workstation, patients'/client's room and treatment areas.
7. **Motor Skills:** Possess gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide safe and effective health care. Example: You must be able to use equipment, position patients/clients, administer injections, etc.
8. **Hearing Skills:** Possess auditory ability sufficient to monitor health needs and collect data. Example: You must be able to hear heart and breath sounds etc.
9. **Visual Skills:** Possess visual ability sufficient for observation and data collection. Example: You will be able to observe color of skin and read scale on a syringe.
10. **Tactile Skills:** Possess tactile ability sufficient for data collection. Example: You will be able to detect pulsation and feel skin temperature.
11. **Weight Bearing:** Possess the ability to lift and manipulate/move 40-50 pounds. Example: You will be able to move equipment, position patients, etc.

## Emergency Medical Science Bridge AAS Program

The **Emergency Medical Science (EMS) Bridge Associate in Applied Science (AAS)** program is a specialized academic pathway designed exclusively for **currently certified paramedics** seeking to advance their education and career opportunities in emergency medical services. This program builds upon the foundational knowledge and clinical experience of practicing paramedics, offering a streamlined curriculum that leads to an associate degree.

### Program Overview

This bridge program recognizes the rigorous training and field experience of certified paramedics by awarding advanced standing credit for prior learning. Students will complete additional coursework in areas such as:

- EMS Management
- EMS Education Methodology
- EMS Bridge (Emerging Technologies and Practice)
- General education (e.g., English, psychology, math)

The curriculum is designed to enhance critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills, preparing graduates for roles in **EMS supervision, education, and healthcare administration**, or for seamless transfer into a **Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Care or related field**.

## Emergency Medical Science Bridge Admission Process

- ☐ Complete the SPCC General **Application for Admissions**  
It must be within last year or a general education course taken at SPCC within last year.
- ☐ Submit **official high school transcripts** (or adult high school/high school equivalent transcript).  
Not required if applicant submits transcripts showing completion of Bachelor's degree or higher.
- ☐ Submit **official college transcripts** for **all** colleges listed on your application  
All transcripts are required even if courses will not apply to this program. Transcripts are usually evaluated 72 hours after they are received.
- ☐ Once all transcripts are received, you will be notified if **Placement Testing** is required.

## EMS Bridge Program Requirements

- ☐ Eligible to take ENG 111 and BIO 168 – eligibility is determined by SPCC Admissions.
- ☐ Submit a Credential to Credit Form in [Etrieve](#) with your Unexpired Paramedic Credential
- ☐ Earn a grade of **“C” or higher in all completed general education and EMS courses** listed on curriculum map
- ☐ Have a **GPA of 2.0 or higher in completed general education courses and EMS courses** listed on the curriculum map

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do I apply for admission to the EMS Bridge program?**

- Complete the admissions requirements listed previously
- Collect proof of all required credentials
- Meet with your Academic Advisor

### **When are students admitted into the EMS Bridge program?**

- Students are admitted prior to the start of each semester.
- There is no waitlist and selection is first-come, first-filled for qualified applicants.

## EMS Bridge GPA Calculation Information

A = 4

B = 3

C = 2

D = 1

F = 0

GPA Calculation Chart				
Course	Letter Grade	Grade Value	Credit Hours	Quality Points
ENG 111		X	3	=
COM 110 COM 120 COM 140 OR COM 231		X		=
PSY 150		X		=
ART 111, 114, 115 DRA 111 HUM 120, 130, 160 MUS 110, 112 PHI 215, 240 OR REL 110, 211, 212, 221		X		=
BIO 163 <b>OR</b>		X		=
BIO 168 <b>AND</b>		X		=
BIO 169		X		=
EMS 280		X		=
EMS 235		X		=
EMS 125		X		=
Totals:				
GPA = Total Quality Points/Total Credit Hours			GPA:	

- Use only completed general education courses listed above (unless approved by substitution).
- If course was transferred, use grade received at that college (only credits transferred in by SPCC Registrar will be used).
- GPA is two decimal places and is NOT rounded (2.689 is 2.68).

If you intend to use any other course than those listed above, you must complete a *Health Pre-Course Substitution Form*. Forms can be accessed on [www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu) in Student Forms. Confirmation of the substitution approval must be attached to the EMS Bridge Phase II Application.

# Curriculum Map

EMS Bridge courses are offered in a 16-week format (Fall and Spring) (Summer classes are offered in an 8-week format). All EMS courses will be online. See below for the schedule of courses.

## EMS Bridge Degree (A45340B) – 72 Credit Hours 2025-2026

General Education Requirements				
Course Number	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Credit
<b>Communication:</b> <i>Take ENG 111 and pick one (1) COM class</i>				
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	3
COM 110		3	0	3
COM 120		3	0	3
COM 140 OR		3	0	3
COM 231		3	0	3
<b>Social/Behavioral Sciences:</b>				
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	3
<b>Natural Sciences/Mathematics:</b>				
BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	0	4
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts:</b> <i>Choose one (1) course</i>				
ART 111	Art Appreciation	3	0	3
ART 114	Art History Survey I	3	0	3
ART 115	Art History Survey II	3	0	3
DRA 111	Drama	3	0	3
MUS 110	Music	3	0	3
MUS 112	Music	3	0	3
PHI 215	Philosophy	3	0	3
PHI 240	Philosophy	3	0	3
REL 110	Religion	3	0	3
REL 211	Religion	3	0	3
REL 212	Religion	3	0	3
REL 221	Religion	3	0	3
<b>Major Courses:</b> <i>All courses are required</i>				
EMS 125	EMS Instructor Methodology	3	0	3
EMS 235	EMS Management	2	0	2
EMS 280	EMS Bridging Course	3	0	3
BIO 163	Anatomy and Physiology	5	0	5
OR				
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	0	4
			<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

*Paramedic Credential to Credit (No Grade) – 45 Credit hours*

## **Accreditation Statements**

SPCC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

## **Disclosure Statements**

- Classes for this program are taught online (EMS) and most general education classes can be completed online or seated at either campus.
- All coursework and certifications must be completed through an accredited institution. Official transcripts must be submitted for all coursework and certifications.
- Certifications must be current throughout the program and at the time of graduation. Updated copies will be required by the Registrar prior to graduation.
- All statements in this publication are announcements of present policies and are subject to change at any given time without prior notice. South Piedmont reserves the right to make changes to program requirements, offerings, regulations, and fees.
- By accepting a seat in any SPCC Health Program, you forfeit your place on any alternate list for any other program.

## **Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) and Undocumented Student Notice**

NCCCS policy allows DACA and undocumented applicants to enroll at SPCC at the out of state tuition rate. Acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to a specific program. DACA students are eligible to apply to any Allied Health/Nursing programs. Undocumented students are not eligible for consideration in the application process to Allied Health or Nursing programs. According to North Carolina and Federal law, DACA and undocumented students are not eligible for North Carolina professional licensure.

*This information is subject to change without notice based upon federal and state regulations.*

## **Availability of Disability Services**

SPCC provides ongoing services that encourage students with disabilities to integrate themselves into all aspects of college life. The Disability Services provider is available to assist with registration counseling, academic advisement and arrangements for appropriate accommodation(s). Reasonable accommodations are established on an individual basis. Students must provide documentation for a disability from a physician or other licensed professional to establish eligibility for services. Please email [counselors@spcc.edu](mailto:counselors@spcc.edu) for assistance.

## SPCC EMS Bridge Estimated Cost

This is an ESTIMATE of costs effective 2/2/2025. Fees are subject to change.

General Tuition and Fees		
In State		\$76.00 per credit hr.
Out-of-State		\$268.00 per credit hr.
Technology Fee		\$48.00/semester
Student Insurance		\$1.40 per semester
Campus Parking Fee (CAPS)		\$15.00 per semester
Student Activity Fee		\$35.00 per semester
	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition - (20 hrs. of General Ed Courses) (Cost will vary depending on number of hours taken per semester)	\$1,216.00	\$4288.00
Textbooks for general education courses	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
General fees (Accident Ins, Parking, Activity, & Technology Fee)	\$99.40	\$99.40
Additional fees may be charged for specific courses.	<b>\$2,715.40</b>	<b>\$5,787.40</b>
<b>Fall or Spring (Entry) Semester</b>		
Tuition	\$532.00	\$1,876.00
Textbooks	\$400.00	\$400.00
General Fees	\$84.40	\$84.40
<b>Total Fall Semester 2</b>	<b>\$1,016.40</b>	<b>\$2,360.40</b>
<b>Estimated Total Cost</b>	<b>\$3,731.80</b>	<b>\$5,075.80</b>





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